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A FEW SECRETS

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S \$200,000

ENSURING VICTORY

Political Deal Which Benefited "The Broker"

VIRILE LEFTISTS SAVE IRONSIDES

[From A Political Correspondent]

Nanking, April 16.
How Marshal Chiang Kai-shek parted with \$200,000 in an endeavour to kill two birds with one stone is now being told in political circles in the national capital of China. That money, of course, did not come out of Chiang's private purse; nor did he pay either in his capacity of Commander-in-Chief of all the Nationalist fighting forces, or as President of the State Council. For want of a better parallel, one might say that the money was apportioned from Party funds.

Anyhow, the gift reached its intended destination and materially helped towards the disintegration of the Kwangsi military faction's defence of Wu-Han. Although such was the objective aimed at, Chiang Kai-shek hardly thought that two lakhs would benefit—to the extent it did—the middle party which arranged the treachery

LI CHAI-SUM'S FUTURE

That the trend of politics still depends on the backing of force in the provinces can hardly be denied, say what the propagandists will about the overthrow of militarism, feudalism, warlordism, etc. But each man to his proper sphere. With keenness and brains in greater demand than ever before, division of labour has become essential. By not realising this, Marshal Li Chai-sum, hitherto of Canton, paved the way to his own downfall.

At one and the same time, Marshal Li was a high military officer, a civil administrator and a political leader. He tried to do far too much. The result was that he lost touch. Not realising the direction in which currents were moving, he went to Nanking and was caught in the maelstrom.

Marshal Li "Safe"
Not even his most bitter enemy will, in reason, predict danger to his person. But not even his closest friend can hope for his early release at this juncture when complications have set in along the Upper Yangtze River where Marshal Chiang Kai-shek hoped to settle outstanding matters once and for all.

The likelihood is that so soon as the tangle has been straightened out will Marshal Li Chai-sum be released. And, at about that time, he will "find it convenient" to declare his intention to go abroad and travel to seek further knowledge. In which event, the National Government will contribute to his expenses, it being now the fashion to send into exile political opponents of the faction in power.

Caught Bending
Whereas the Kwangsi military group is finished as a factor in politics, a number of the best units in the armies under the Kwangsi Generals are still intact. Wherein lies the possibility of Marshal Li and his partisans returning to activity in the not distant future—as others have done before. Most of these units have surrendered; but, as in the case of antagonistic divisions which bowed the knee to Kwangsi in the past and, when the chance came, turned against Kwangsi, these surrendering units still maintain their Kwangsi instinct and sympathies.

Nevertheless it is idle to pretend that Canton, or any other centre, will be restored to Kwangsi just yet. And, if realities are faced, the Kwangsi-ites have only themselves to blame. They were, literally, caught bending when they should have been erect.

Fatal Tactical Error
Marshal Li and his colleagues were considerably behind the times. True, they ever realised the growing opposition to them. But while others schemed and plotted for their overthrow, they continued to "mind their own business" as much as possible and, worse still from their own point of view, continued to rely on rivals being willing to preserve peace and unity rather than break out on factional quarrels.

Where the Kwangsi group made its fatal tactical error was in not singing out Marshal Chiang Kai-shek for political attack but in taking direct action which could be made to bear the construction of treason against the National Government.

The enemy was Chiang Kai-shek and not the administration—Party or Government—in Nanking. But it failed to define the issue and thereby lost.
One of the secrets divulged after the crisis concerns the buying over

of one of the Kwangsi divisions guarding the 50 miles line placed around Wu-Han to withstand the onslaught of the expedition from Nanking.

The idea emanated from the Leftist politicians, a small but virile group which has proved its capabilities in the political game and come through with flying colours.

Chiang Kai-shek liked the Cantonese Ironsides in that they were Leftist and thereby constituted an ever-present, if rather distant, menace to Canton. But, if their purpose were served, it would be to Chiang Kai-shek's advantage to curb the Ironsides as well. Accordingly, Chiang Kai-shek strove to pit the Ironsides in open combat against the Kwangsi army—and thereby kill two birds with one stone.

Plot Succeeds
The Leftist politicians' sole reliance (that is, in the direction of actual strength) was on the Ironsides. And the sending of these Ironsides into battle, against odds, was too risky. So the politicians planned to save their friends in uniform. They suggested that in the event of war with Kwangsi it would be desirable to ensure success by paying a consideration to one of the Kwangsi commanders. The amount was agreed upon, after fairly long negotiation, and paid over. So that when the Kwangsi-ites fell back on their line, one of their commanders engineered a debacle by going over to Nanking. But the Leftist politicians, who acted as "brokers" in the transaction, succeeded in getting the Ironsides (who had to fight for Chiang Kai-shek and desired to do so) on to the front where there would be no real hostilities and where treachery would decide the day.

Cross Purposes
Now, the Ironsides have suffered no casualties to speak of and the \$200,000 has had its effect, that of encompassing the downfall of Kwangsi.
It is patent the Leftist politicians do not like Chiang Kai-shek because he consents to their leaders being kept out of China. They did not want the Third Congress to be held, being actuated by their obstructionist policy. But their enmity towards Kwangsi was too deep for them to join hands in preventing the Congress from being held as the prelude to the declaration of war on Kwangsi. Kwangsi tacitly upheld Nanking what time the Leftists were trying to induce delegates to abstain from attending. To cap matters, Li Chai-sum went to Nanking to attend and was detained.

Hour of Defeat
Feng Yu-hsiang, who likes the Leftist leaders in exile, refrained from coming out into the open against Nanking because he did not want Kwangsi to become stronger. Kwangsi, in the hour of defeat, wished to let Feng Yu-hsiang have Wu-Han. Before Feng could march down, the \$200,000 bribe had had its effect and the Nanking-ites reached Wu-Han first. Feng was hovering near and the presence of his army led to suspicions of his loyalty to Nanking. He chose to wait—and take no risk—but, the field being now clear of Kwangsi, he will not rest till he has found the opportunity to "have another go."

Realising this, Chiang Kai-shek talks loudly of resigning and also of going abroad so soon as the present war is concluded!

DUTCH EAST INDIES CONSTITUTION

A REVISION

EQUAL RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION

NO EUROPEAN MAJORITY

The Hague, Yesterday.
The First Chamber by 29 to 15 votes has approved of the Bill to revise the constitution of the Dutch East Indies and the Peoples' Council.
Henceforth, Natives, Europeans, Oriental and foreigners will have equal rights of representation and the present European majority will therefore disappear in favour of the native.—Reuter.

FINE GENERALLY

"N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally" is the forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon tomorrow for Hong Kong, the south coast of Kwangtung and Formosa Channel.
At 10.45 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—"Pressure is highest to the N.E. of Japan. A shallow depression covers the Loochoos."

\$1,175 BURGLARY

MR. A. T. HAMILTON'S HOUSE ENTERED

EX-SERVANT SUSPECTED

Mr. A. T. Hamilton, school master, Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, and well known as a "soccer" legislator and former player, has reported a burglary at his house.
Some time yesterday an entry was made at No. 5, Leighton Hill-road, where clothing and jewellery valued at \$1,175 was taken. A house called, formerly dismissed, is under suspicion at the moment.

LICENSING BOARD

RE-APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS

ELECTION OF A JUSTICE

Mr. C. D. Melbourne (who is Registrar of the Supreme Court) and Mr. W. L. Pattenden have been re-appointed to the Licensing Board for further periods of three years, the former from Nov. 22, 1928, and the latter from March 23, 1929.

The election, confined to Unofficial Justices of the Peace, of a member to serve for three years vice Mr. J. Owen Hughes, whose term has expired and who is at present absent on holiday, will be held in the office of the Supreme Court Registrar on May 1 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nominations must be handed to the First Police Magistrate not less than six clear days before the date.

AIR ROUTES IN CHINA SCHEME

U.S. ENTERPRISE

MAIL TO BE CARRIED SIX MONTHS HENCE

AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

Shanghai, To-day.
The State Council of the National Government has approved the Government's China National Aviation Corporation's contract with the American Aviation Exploration, Inc. whereby the latter undertakes to establish air-routes in various parts of China to be operated under the direction of the Corporation.
The contract terminates in 1939.
In Six Months
It specifies that the American company will establish, within six months, air mail routes between Hankow-Canton, Hankow-Nanking-Shanghai, Nanking-Peking, using American equipment and pilots. The American company undertakes to establish aviation schools and train Chinese flyers to become pilots of the air mail.

It is expected that the American company will bring to China forthwith 20 planes and 25 aviators and mechanics, with more later. The Corporation agrees to supply the needed aerodromes.
The contract is hailed as a gigantic step forward in establishing much-needed communications in China.
No Monopoly
It is believed that the National Government is planning to sign, through the China National Aviation Corporation, similar contracts with other American aviation interests providing for the establishment of air mail routes in other parts of China, carefully avoiding anything verging on a monopoly, and keeping unhampered control, merely contracting with the Americans for the latter to operate air services under the direction of Chinese.

The State Council has also approved of the contract by which the Corporation grants the American Company the privilege of operating passenger "freight" and (Continued at foot of next column.)

TO OUR READERS

Commencing with this week's issue, the "Overland China Mail" will include a copy of the art supplement (conducted by the pioneer service of the Colony) that is annexed to each Saturday's "China Mail". There is no extra charge for the "Overland". The pictures are in considerable demand, not only at home, but in other parts of the world, portraying as they do life in Hong Kong and the Far East. There are other pictures which will be welcome to readers in China and the coast ports.
Look out for to-morrow's "Sunday Herald," with its art supplement, features, news, etc., and all the week-end sports reports.

MOTORING SPEED RECORD

A TRIAL RUN

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S GREAT VENTURE TO-DAY

215 MILES AN HOUR

Verneukpan, Yesterday.
Captain Malcolm Campbell will attempt a new speed record to-morrow.
Following a trial run, with which Campbell was very satisfied and in which he reached 215 miles an hour without a single hitch, when he struck a bump and travelled in the air 30 feet.—Reuter.

CHANGTSEH RELIEF

The water in the Tungting Lake, off the Upper Yangtze, receded yesterday. This reduces the chance of relief being got through to British subjects and other foreigners in Changteh.—British Naval Wireless.
[Note: A shallow draft tug, manned by Lt. L. P. Skipwith and men of H.M.S. "Widgeon" is attempting to reach Changteh.]

THE G.E.C.

NEW SUGGESTION BY SIR HUGO HIRST

DROPPING CONTROVERSY

London, Yesterday.
Sir Hugo Hirst, in a letter to the shareholders of the General Electric Company, Ltd., suggests dropping the controversial financial scheme. He adds that he is sure that a way will be found to reconcile the needs of a national industry with the requirements of international obligations.—Reuter.

IN FINLAND

PRESIDENT DISSOLVES THE DIET

GOVERNMENT SALARIES

Helsingfors, Yesterday.
The President has dissolved the Diet owing to its refusal to vote credits to increase the salaries of Government employees. The new elections will take place on July 1.—Reuter.

air services all over China on their own account, also the manufacturing of aeroplanes and equipment in China. In this connection, the Curtiss interests, who control the American Exploration, Inc., plan to form an American corporation under the China Trade Act, capitalised at several millions of gold dollars for the specific purpose of manufacturing aeroplanes in China.—Reuter.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

Yesterday's little shower and the even smaller shower of the previous day proved conclusively that Jupiter Pluvius has not forgotten Hong Kong and that the reservoirs will be well filled in good time.
Those who are in "the know," know that when the Duke arrives at the end of the week he will have quite a few distinguished honours to distribute—at least an O.B.E. or two.
"West River pirates re-appear" is a headline in a local paper. Some day it will be stated that they have "disappeared."

Local polo players and Fanling golfers are shaking in their brogues for their reputation and their records now that it is known that the Duke intends to play both polo and golf whilst in Hong Kong.
The Director of the British Mosquito Control Institute recommends a mosquito bite as a cure for paralysis.—The Burgomaster of Taipo please note!
Donations of water for the fountain opposite the City Hall will be gratefully accepted by the Water Authority and duly acknowledged in the Press.
McGreavey got in a "wicked right" at the Police v. Warders boxing tournament.—The other chap was in the gravy.
The management of the Anopholes Maternity Home are taking a very serious view of the continued lack of rain which is jeopardising the lives of a number of the inmates.

Heading in Home paper to hand by the mail: "Death Ends a Song."—A warning to shift when the warbler in the next flat gets busy.
Headings in the London "Daily Telegraph": "Family Gassed, Time-lapse in Early Hours."—A sort of "Glad-to-see-you're-dead" greeting!
"To be sold by auction the property of a gentleman recently deceased and removed from the Colony."—Taking no risks?
From an auction sale advt.: 5 boxes sardines, 163 lb. 6 ditto of a literary nature, 663 lb.
"Fishing" for a Press bid?

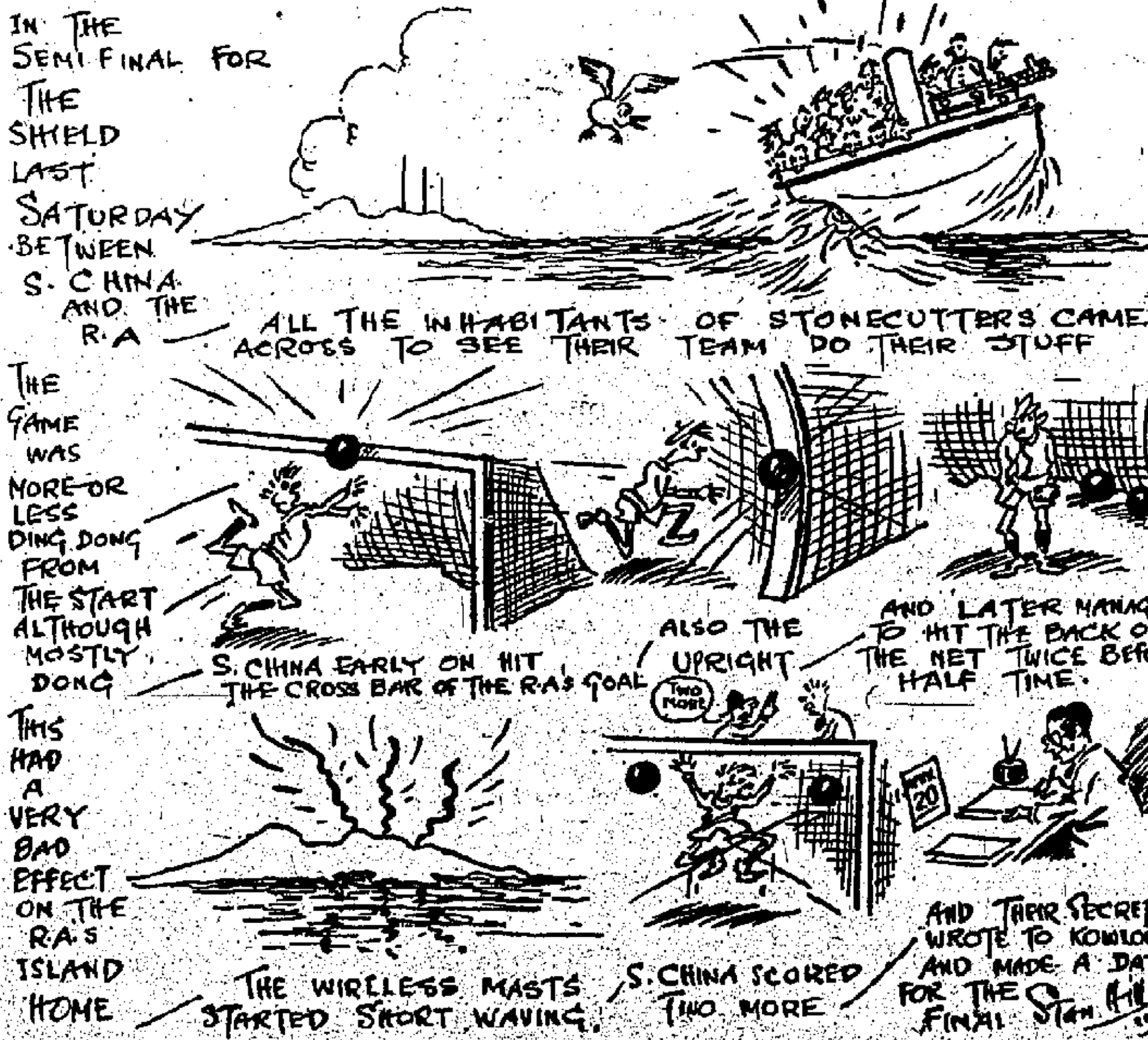
Heading in local "Telegraph": "Hong Kong Bus Stops."—Why shouldn't it?
"Lost.—One parcel containing gent's wearing apparel, on Thursday night."—Was the gent. inside the apparel?
A reward of only five dollars is offered for a small Scotch terrier dog.—A dog that is both Scotch and a "terror" is worth more than that surely!
The Chamber of Commerce is circularising taipans urging them to train their Chinese employees not to tell "British lies in a British Court."

Rumour hath it that a large tame tortoise was seen with a hawk in Shamshui-po the other day and that the Police chiefs are cogitating whether it should be licensed as a sandwich man or be granted a permit as a hoarding.
In a lecture on mosquitoes, the Mayor of Taipo said there was not the slightest foundation in the allegations of cruelty levelled at the system of ringing used for the purpose of recording mosquito movements. The rings, he said, were placed on the insensitive scales of the foot, and no case of injury to the mosquito had ever been found. Since 1921, 225,000 had been marked under the scheme, and useful records had resulted. He asked the members to co-operate in marking mosquitoes and promised them a fascinating hobby that would bring them into close touch with mosquito life if they did so.

Sweetlove was the sweetest and dearest name of all the boxers at the Police v. Warders tournament last Saturday.
The "Daily Press" "kindly" corrected the "Sunday Herald" and called Captain Bloxham "Assistant Superintendent of Police."—We are sending along a free copy of the "Dollar Directory."
"The spitting habit again" ejaculated a litherish individual when he stepped out into the rain yesterday afternoon.
Announcement of the engagement of Helen Wills:—"The Tennis Queen Loses a Love Set."—It would have been more gallant and more correct to have said she won it.

According to "John o' London's Weekly" "there is a Parisian taxi-driver who is also a poet: he studies his fares when entering or leaving his cab, and if he thinks they have poetic heads, sells them a copy of his verses."—If he thinks they have soft heads, more likely, but let's hope he'll have no imitators in Hong Kong.
The Petrol Station at Fanling is now supplying motorists with their immediate needs with exception of air for tyres. The air compressors are installed complete with 220 Volt A.C. 60 Phase motors to drive them, but will not be available before the machinery so installed is out of date!

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IN THE SEMI-FINAL FOR THE SHIELD LAST SATURDAY BETWEEN S. CHINA AND THE R.A.
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THE QUANTITY OF WATER in the Storage Reservoirs has fallen so low that further restrictive measures are under consideration, and should an adequate rainfall not occur before the end of April the Water Supply in HONG KONG and KOWLOON will be CUT OFF daily between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from the 1st May.

The most rigid economy in the consumption of water is now essential, and the co-operation of the public in preventing waste is again earnestly requested.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1929.

**FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES
SUNDAY,
21st April,**

**HONG KONG BASEBALL
ASSOCIATION.**

SENIOR and JUNIOR CLUBS are reminded that entries will CLOSE on April 20th.

H. HONG SLING,
Hon. Sec.-Treas.,
King's Bldg.,
Hong Kong, 18th April, 1929.

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AMBULANCE CORPS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DUKE'S
VISIT

OFFICIAL DETAILS

The following arrangements have been made for St. John Ambulance Brigade in connection with H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester's visit:—
April 25 at 10.15 a.m. (Proximity of Queen's Pier).—

The following divisions are required to provide one fully equipped stretcher party as follows:—

(a) Y.M.C.A. Division party—posted on the pavement on the North side of the Hong Kong Bank, War Memorial.

(b) King's College Division party—under the Verandah on the North side of the Supreme Court.

(c) Indian Division party—by the Sentry Box at the Blake Pier approach.

April 25 at 10.45 a.m.—
(a) Kowloon Division party—on the Verandah, over the main entrance to the City Hall.

(b) St. Joseph's College Division—on the Verandah of Beaconsfield Arcade—opposite the City Hall.

April 25 at 4 p.m. (Polo Ground).—

(a) Mongkok Division party—West end of the Polo Ground Pavilion.

(b) Shaokwan Division party—North corner of Moreton Terrace.

April 26 at 3.45 p.m.—
The Y.M.C.A., King's College, Kowloon and Indian Division will provide one stretcher party for the Cricket Ground.

(a) The Y.M.C.A. Division party will take post at the S.W. corner.

(b) The King's College Division party at the N.W. corner.

(c) The Kowloon Division party at the N.E. corner.

(d) The Indian Division at the S.E. corner.

The Brigade will also have a representative company of fifty drawn up at Government House on the arrival of the Duke.

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Rome, April 14.

Cardinal van Rossum to-day consecrated Monsignor Evarist Chang as a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor Chang recently was professor of Chinese language and literature in the College for the Propaganda of the Faith in Rome and will serve as Apostolic Vicar for the district of Tsinan, Shantung Province.

Mrs. Chang is the sixth Chinese priest to be made a bishop during the past three years, following the decision of the Pope to place native clergymen at the heads of the various vicariates and dioceses of the Roman Church in China.

It is understood the new Chinese Bishop will depart shortly for Shanghai, en route to his post, although no sailing date has been set.

—United Press.

BISHOP FINED

FINDS LIVERPOOL IS NOT
FOOCHOW

The Right Rev. John Hind, of West Derby, Liverpool, Bishop of Fochow, was fined 20s. at Runcorn for dangerous driving.

In taking a corner he ran on to the pavement and knocked down two boys, who were injured and were taken to hospital. He had held a motor licence only for a few days, and had had little experience.

In defence it was stated that he had undergone a serious operation and his nerves failed at the critical moment. He had undertaken fully to compensate the injured boys.

In a letter to a friend, published in the "Sunday Times," Lady Simon, wife of the Chairman of the India Statutory Commission, writes:—

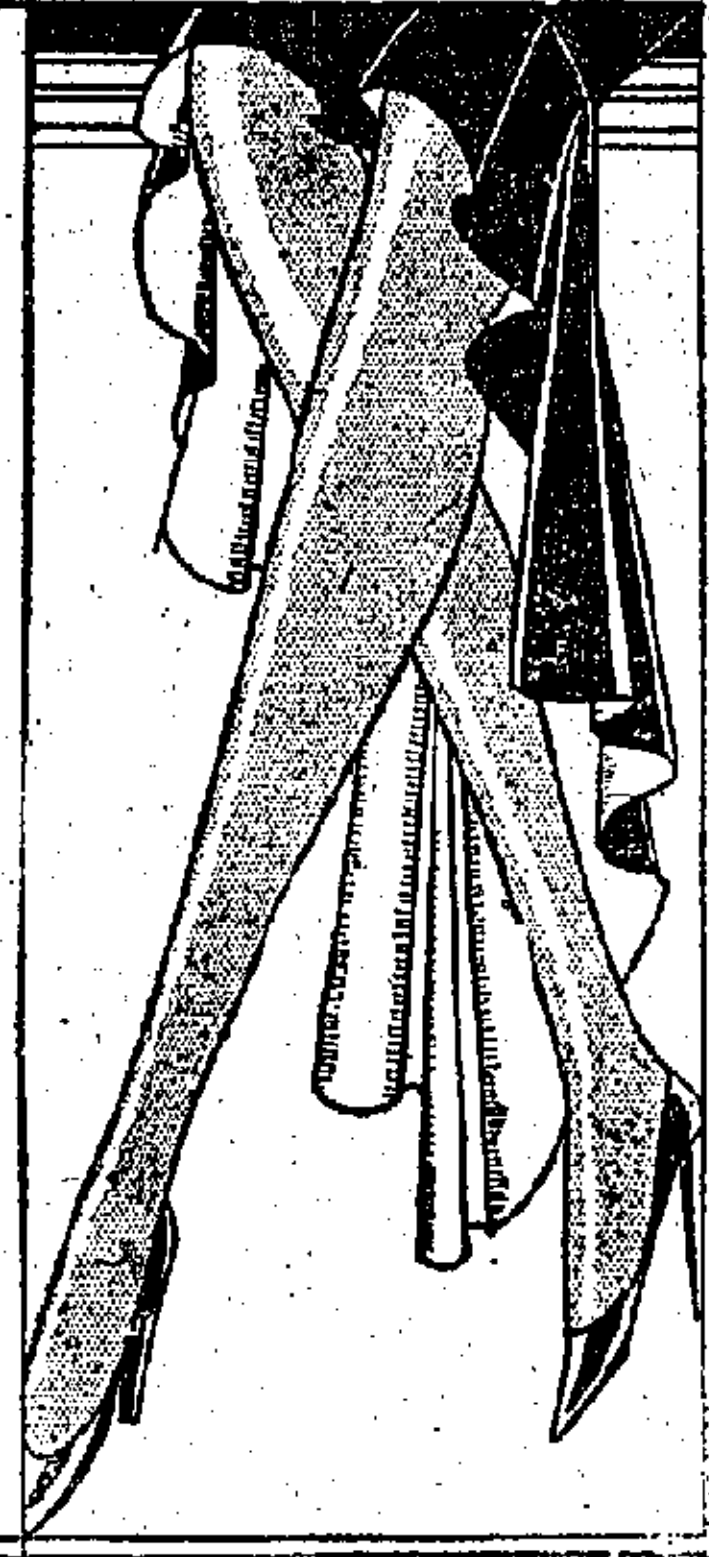
"Not until woman can take her place and play her part in the public life of India will the country's true greatness come before the world."

Lady Simon rejoices that some of the pioneers have already broken down a few of the old customs which hamper women's liberty and usefulness, though there is still a long way to go, and pays a tribute to the noble English women doctors and nurses, who are working under the most terrible disadvantages, due to prejudices and dirty practices.

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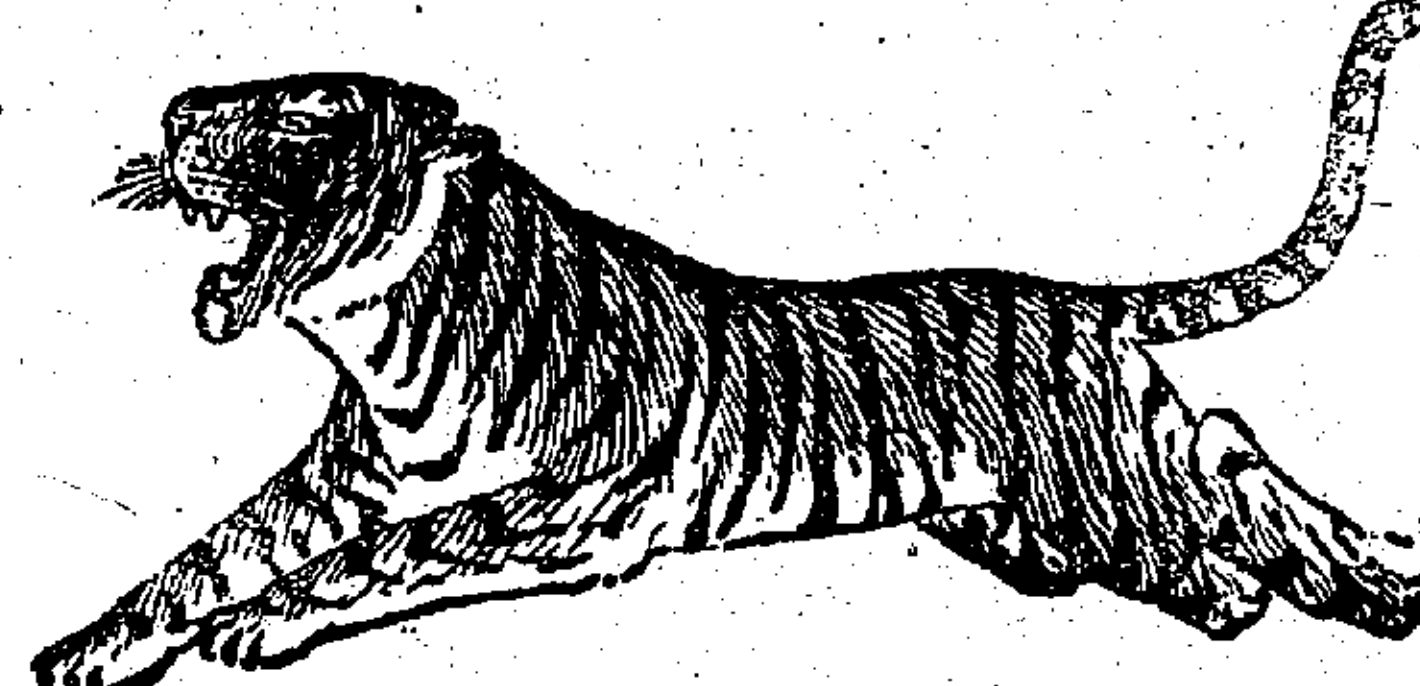
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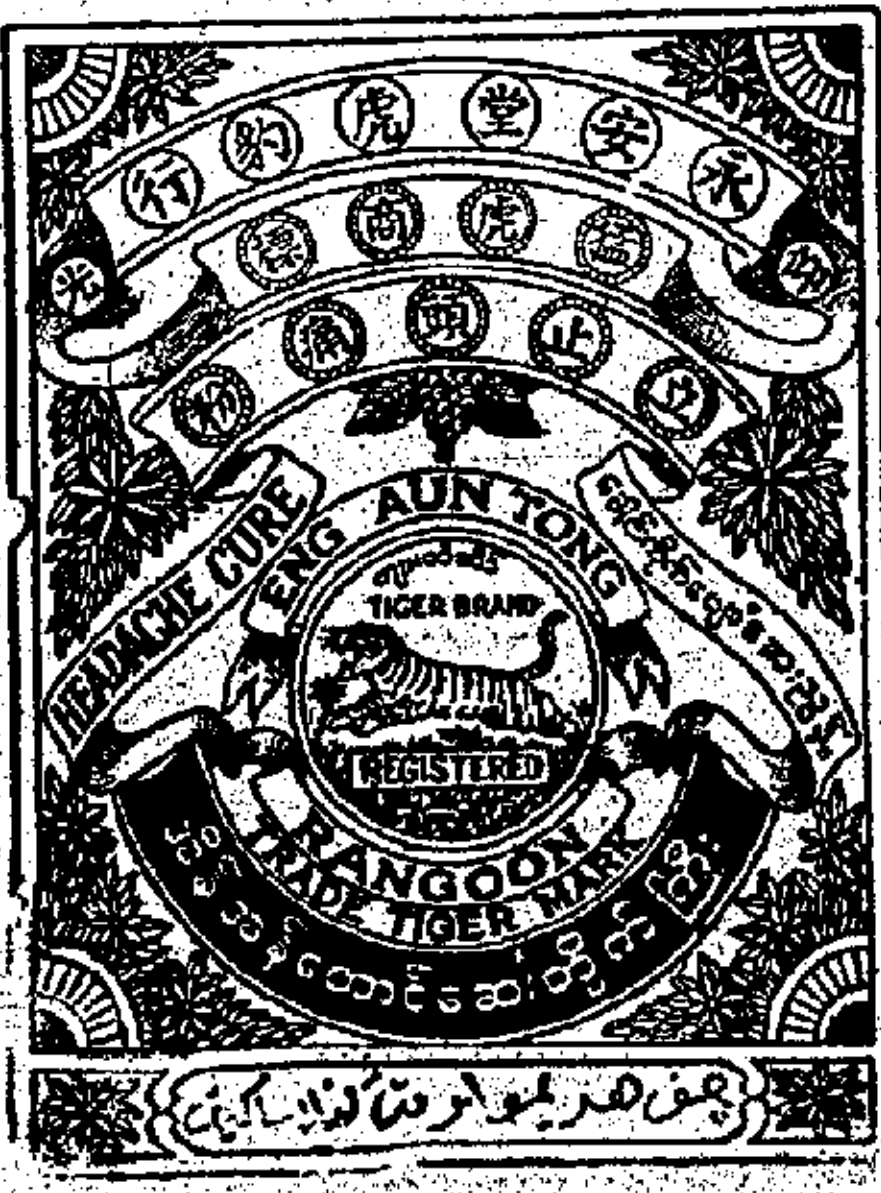
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BORNEO MARU Sails on or about 24th April.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGERS

PROFIT OF \$7,426

The report of the General Managers of the Douglas Steamship Co., Limited, for presentation to the shareholders at the 46th ordinary general meeting to be held at the offices of the Company on Monday, April 29, at 11 a.m., states:-

The General Managers beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the twelve months' working of the Company for the year ended December 31, 1928.

After paying all running expenses, docking charges, premia of insurance, allowances for leave and pensions, transferring the sum of \$20,121.15 from Underwriting Account to Steamers Account and after writing off \$25,000 for depreciation, there remains a net profit for the year of \$7,426.54 which it is proposed to transfer to the credit of the Reserve Fund which will then stand at \$136,486.59.

The coast trade from Hong Kong has been fairly satisfactory but there has been a falling off in the receipts from the coast ports in exchange for the earnings at the coast ports is a serious item, as is also the heavy expenditure made on account of leave and pensions to the Floating Staff.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Barnard resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. B. D. F. Beith was invited to fill the vacancy.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie has also resigned his seat and Mr. L. J. Davies has been invited to fill the vacancy. The Committee now consists of Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Mr. L. J. Davies, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

CHINA COAST

RECENT CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Mr. F. Gibbs, chief officer, "Sheng-king," has gone chief officer, "Sun-ning."

Mr. J. H. Forbes from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Sheng-king."

Mr. B. C. Finch, chief officer, "Kian," has gone chief officer, "Chang-chow."

Mr. P. Bolam, chief officer, "Chang-chow," has gone chief officer, "Kian."

Mr. W. Wood, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Shantung."

Mr. A. H. Finnie, extra second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone to special duty.

Mr. C. Carrington, from special duty, has gone chief officer, "Shantung."

Mr. D. D. Richards, chief officer, "Shantung," is on reserve.

Mr. E. Hardman, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Luchow."

Mr. S. B. Reis, second officer, "Luchow," has gone second officer, "Tung-tung."

Mr. A. H. Cooke, second officer, "Tung-tung," is on reserve.

Mr. J. M. Band, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kiu-kiang."

Mr. A. T. Mclellan, extra second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone to special duty.

Mr. H. L. Elliott, from Home, has been appointed extra third engineer officer, "Wantung."

Mr. R. T. Maddison, acting chief engineer officer, "Wantung," has gone acting chief engineer officer, "Yun-nan."

Mr. D. S. Goldie, acting chief engineer officer, "Yunnan," has resigned from the C.N. Co.

Mr. J. Cromby, second engineer officer, "Shantung," has gone second engineer officer, "Chungking."

Mr. A. C. Lemeretier, from Home leave, has gone second engineer officer, "Shantung."

Mr. T. Curry, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Shantung."

Mr. A. B. Blair, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Tung-chow."

Mr. G. R. Wensley, third engineer officer, "Kweichow," has gone third engineer officer, "Sunning."

Mr. A. B. Sinclair, third engineer officer, "Sunning," has gone third engineer officer, "Kweichow."

Captain H. Fellow, from reserve, has gone master, "Loongwo."

Captain S. Findison, of the "Loongwo," has gone master, "Kung-wo."

Captain W. Gibb, of the "Kungwo," is on reserve.

Mr. H. O. Lewis, from Home leave, has gone extra second officer, "Su-wo."

Mr. E. V. de Malmarche has been appointed second officer, "Kiao-wo."

Mr. A. Turnbull, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, "Su-wo."

Mr. D. W. Pollock, extra second engineer officer, "Su-wo," is on reserve.

"Shipping and Engineering."

DOLLAR LINE

CHANGE IN THE SAILING DATE

Manila, Apr. 13.
The offices of the Dollar steamship lines have announced to-day that, beginning with the President McKinley on May 17, the Dollar trans-Pacific liners will depart from Manila on Fridays instead of Saturdays. Arrival dates in Shanghai will not be changed, the ships spending the extra day in Hong Kong—United Press.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Glasgow" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 22.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benelech" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 25.

PIRACY

FRUSTRATED PLOT IN SHANGHAI

LOCAL PIRACY RECALLED

The aftermath of the plot to pirate the N.K.K. s.s. "Luishan Maru," which was averted at the N.Y.K. Pootung wharf, Shanghai, was heard before Judge Wong and Mr. Burdett at the Provisional Court last Saturday when after a protracted sitting during which all 13 accused pleaded guilty to participation, the case was remanded a fortnight for an additional hearing.

The case was marked by almost sensational disclosures of certain of those in custody who stated they were all Cantonese and had been lured north through fabulous promises of what the Whangpoo held in the way of ships to be pirated. One of the number gave evidence that he had been concerned in the piracy last year of one of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's steamers near Hong Kong and that the same gang was behind the proposed piracy of the "Luishan Maru." He said that nearly a score of the members of the gang betted by their women folk had booked passages on the ship and had already smuggled eight pistols and over 300 rounds of ammunition aboard before they were detected by the police.

When arrested the man appeared to be innocently carrying two packages of raisins of a widely advertised brand, and investigation disclosed that the cardboard box contained 100 rounds of 32 calibre bullets.

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EASTERN PORTS

PLAGUE, CHOLERA AND SMALL-POX

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 13, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths:-

Plague: Bombay (3), Rangoon (6), Calcutta (1), Chertion (1).
Cholera: Basatin (25), Calcutta (96), Rangoon (4), Pondicherry (1), Bangkok 15 (10), Enom Penh 3 (1), Saigon 3 (2), Canton 1 (1).

Small-pox: Suez 3 (2), Haiphong (1), Bombay 1 (4), Calcutta 34 (25), Cochin 1 (1), Karachi 29 (8), Madras 107 (30), Negapatam 1, Rangoon 3 (1), Vizagapatam 9 (1), Pondicherry (1), Macassar 6 (5), Belawan Deli 1, Enom Penh 2 (5), Haiphong (1), Macao 1, Saigon 1, Shanghai (7), Canton 29 (2), Dairen District 6 (3).

"MUGGIA'S" MISHAP
RELIEF CREW DUE NEXT MONTH

A peculiar position has occurred in Shanghai (says the "N. C. Daily News") on account of the wreck of the Italian disaster ship "Muggia" recently. When the disaster occurred a relief crew of 150 men were on their way to Shanghai to take the place of the ship's complement, and about the beginning of May they are due here.

Meantime a similar number of men rescued from the "Muggia" have been accommodated on the cruiser "Libya," but as this number naturally already overcrowded her, it will not be possible to place the relief crew aboard her when they arrive. It is understood that a way out of the difficulty has been found by arranging for both the crew of the wreck destroyer and the relief crew to be into camp at the Rifle Range and it is expected that they will all find themselves under canvas about the beginning of May when the relief arrives.

They are likely to occupy this camp for four or five weeks until a destroyer reaches port from Italy to take all ranks home.

SIR C. BEARDON SMITH

Sir C. Beardon Smith, the Cardiff shipowner, has been unanimously elected President of the National Museum of Wales in succession to the late Lord Aberdare. The former has closely identified himself with the public life of Wales, with the trading and commercial life of which he has been so long and so successfully associated.

CHURCH NOTICES

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

April 21, 3rd Sunday after Easter.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Peak Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Headmaster, Diocesan Boys' School.

Holy Communion, 12 noon.
Evensong, 6 p.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

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Sunday School, 3 p.m.

Sailors' and Soldiers' Home

Praya East.

Sunday: 3 p.m., Men's Bible Class.
Sunday: 8.15 p.m., Service Men's Hour.
Wednesday: 8.15 p.m., Gospel Meeting for Service Men.
The Ladies' Church Aid will meet on Monday at 3 p.m.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on May 1 (Wednesday).

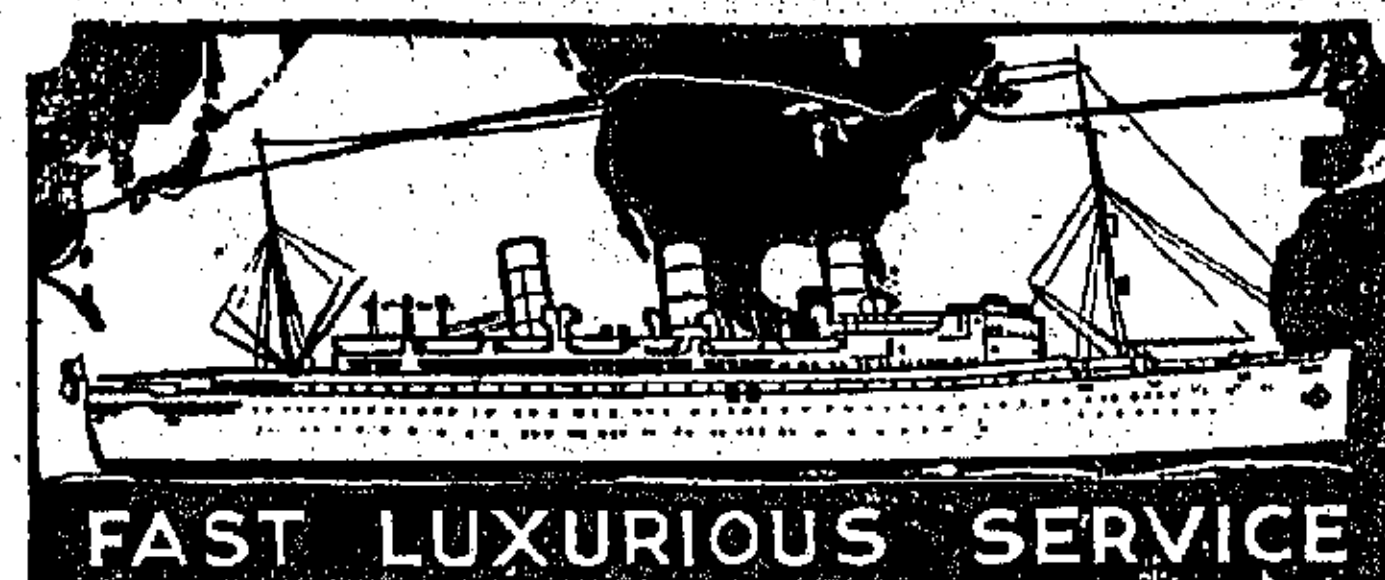
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The s.s. "Glenbank" for Haiphong, April 23.
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BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. B. D. F. Beith has been nominated by the Chamber of Commerce to fill the vacancy at the Legislative Council, caused by the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes. A general meeting of members was held yesterday evening at the Chamber's room, presided by the Chairman, Mr. N. S. Brown, and after the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Brown said:—

Mr. J. Owen Hughes, whom you selected as your representative on the Legislative Council on May 16, 1927, has been granted eight months' leave by His Excellency the Governor, and the Committee has been requested by the Colonial Secretary to take the necessary steps to nominate a representative on the Council to act during the absence of Mr. Hughes. This meeting has been called, and nominations have been invited, in accordance with the by-laws, and I have to report to you that only one nomination has been received, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., has been proposed by myself, on behalf of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. Beith has been called away to Shanghai for a few days and is therefore not present to speak for himself, but we have ascertained that he is willing to serve and I am sure you will agree that we could not have a more suitable representative. Mr. Beith has had extensive business experience both here and in Shanghai, and has already served for a period on the Legislative Council. I have much pleasure in proposing his nomination.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes said he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The motion was carried unanimously and the proceedings terminated.

Supporting Mr. Brown were the following members of the general committee, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. J. P. Warren and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shen-ton.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 850 metres.

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music, (Records supplied through the courtesy of Sincere Co.).

7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme, (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Anderson Music Co.).

"The Belle of New York" Selection, The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Dance music.

8.45 p.m.

"1812, Overture,"

The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Dance music.

9.30 p.m.

"Dream of Love"

(from "Liebesträume").

"Nocturne in E Flat,"

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Dance music.

10.10 p.m.—News bulletin.

An Old Time Music Hall.

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(Vesta Victorian).

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"Down the Road" (Gus Ellen).

"The Man who broke the Bank at Monte Carlo."

(Charles Coburn).

"Little Dolly Day Dream."

(Eugene Stratton).

"Two Lovely Black Eyes."

(Charles Coburn).

"Beer, Beer, Glorious Beer."

(Harry Anderson).

"Ask A Policeman."

(Jimmy Fawn).

"At Trinity Church."

(Tom Costello).

"Seven Royal Fusiliers."

(Charles Godfrey).

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

On March 23, says the Shanghai vernacular press, a vessel belonging to the Tai Chen Co., which was loaded with cotton yarn to the value of 112,000, struck the rocks on the Chekiang coast and became a total loss. Three of her crew were drowned. A vessel has been sent to rescue the survivors.

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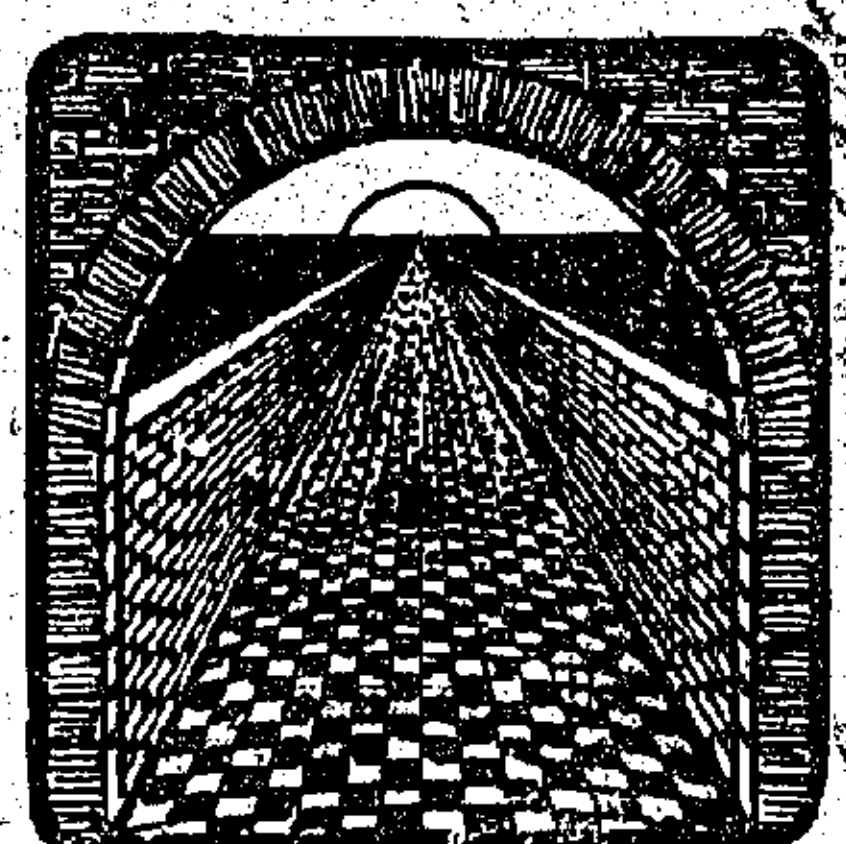
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Per "Empress of Russia" from Vancouver Japan and North China April 18:—

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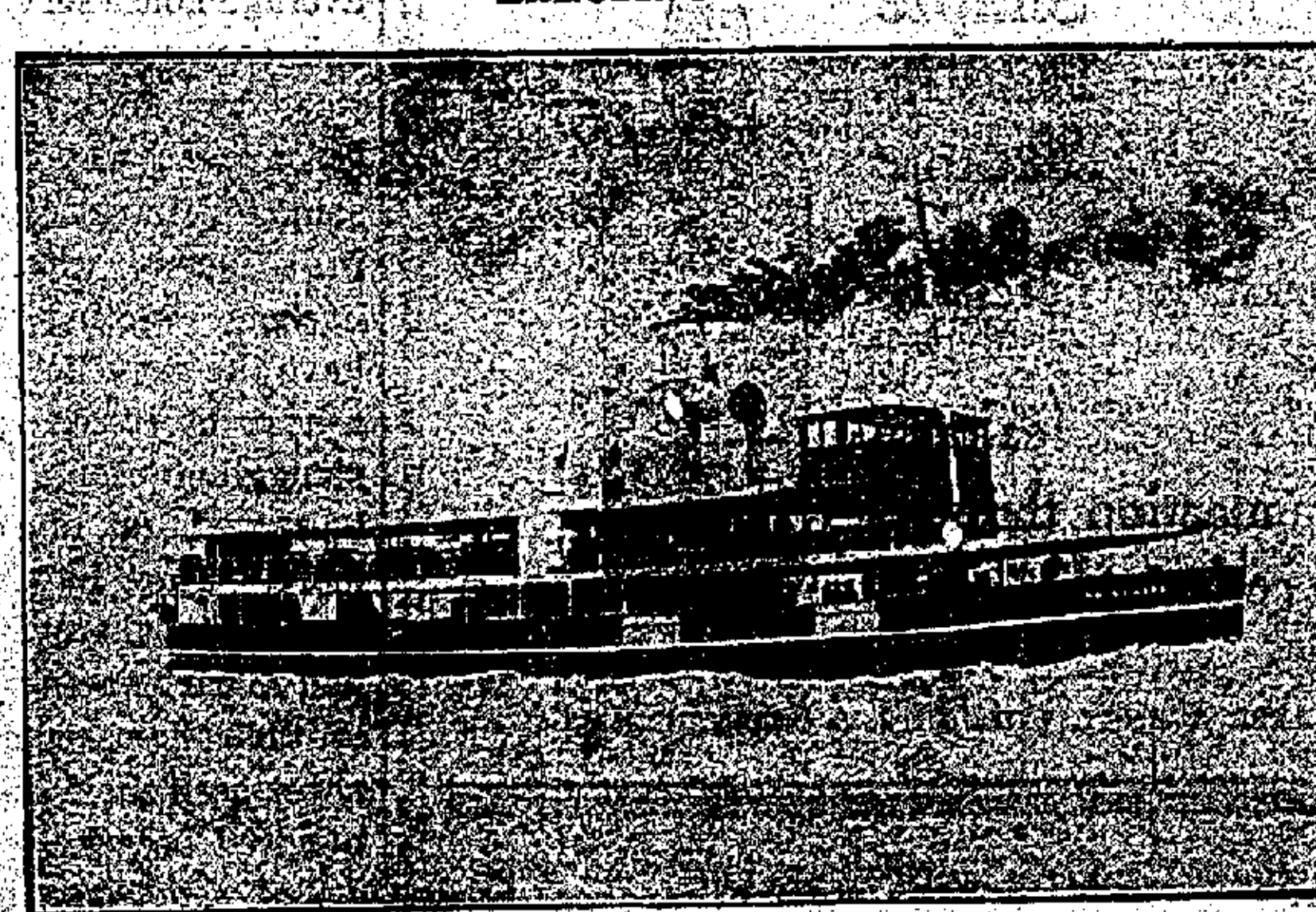
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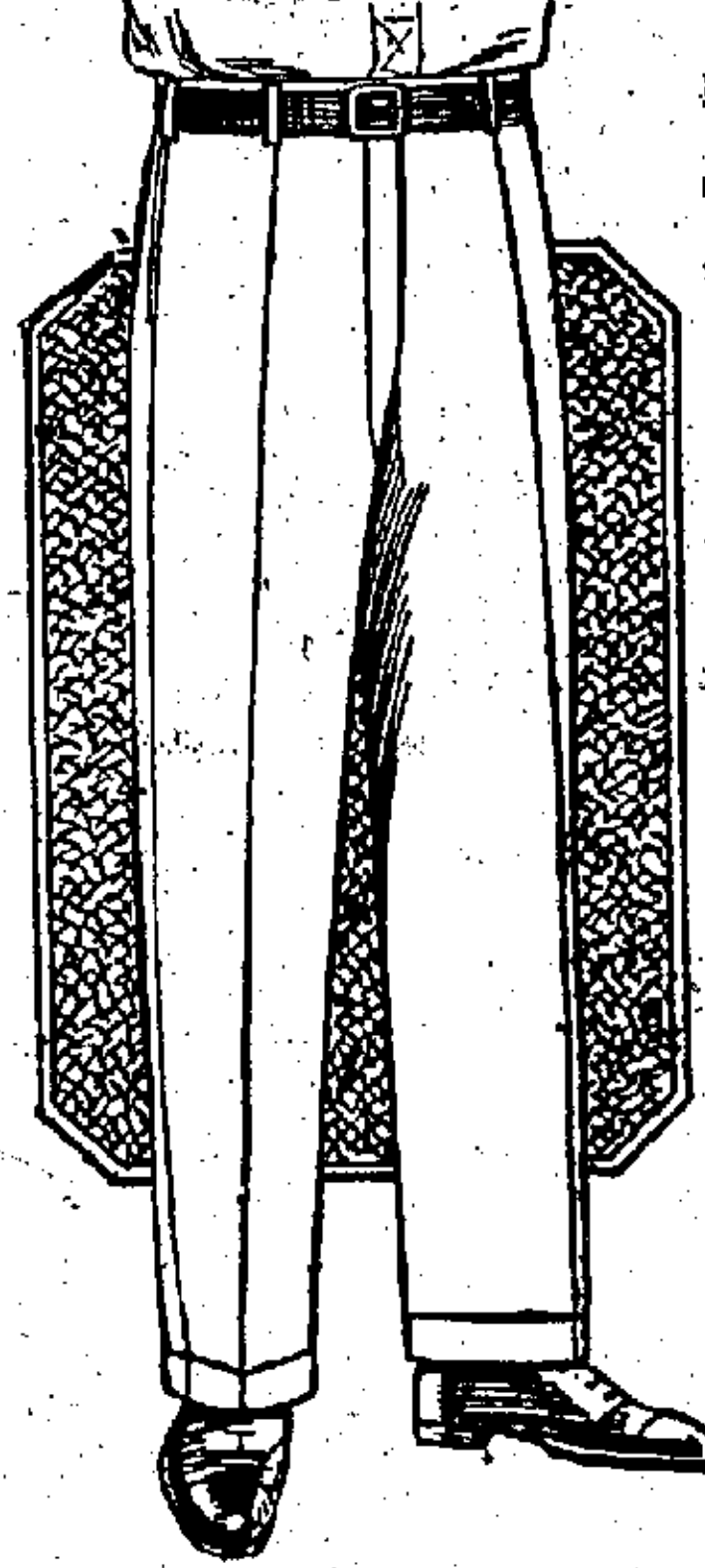
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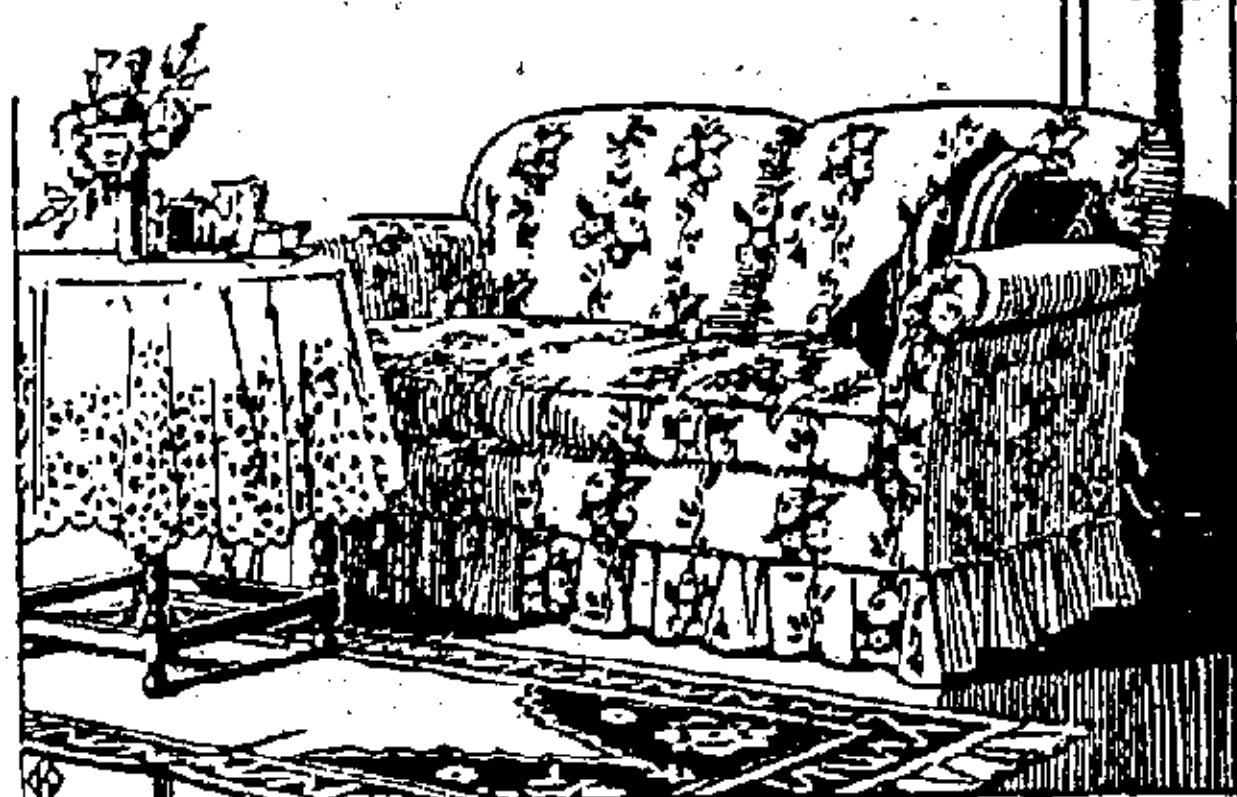
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Hong Kong, Saturday, April 20, 1929.

STILL WATERS

Water. Some good folk are "bored stiff" with Optimists the slightest mention of a scarcity of water. They have read so much—or at least read the head lines—in the newspapers that they do not want to hear or read any more about it. They themselves, of course, have a sufficiency of water for their domestic needs, and that is all they care. They have never in their lives known what an acute water famine is. They have never been obliged to use soda water to cleanse their teeth of a morning so as to conserve water for drinking and for making tea or coffee. They are usually as careless about letting taps run as are the average house servants—"It must rain sooner or later" as it has always done since they came to the Colony: so why worry? These same folk have never had to stand in a queue with a couple of buckets waiting their turn to have the same buckets filled amid a host of crowding, maddening, struggling people, all frantic to be served first, and come back for more. They have never known a drought where the people have had to cart water miles and miles to their homestead; they have never seen their sheep die by the hundred because of the lack of water. They have been pampered and cosseted in this Colony and found everything exceedingly nice and good: always more than a drop of water when wanted; why should other people's water troubles worry them? "Damn the water question!"

Water. The suggestion of appointing Waste Inspectors Water Inspectors has been ventilated before in this column. It is idle to think of appealing for the co-operation of certain of the community. They only laugh at the idea—and see that they do not undergo the slightest self-denial. They never think of inspecting their water taps to see that the washers are in order. They never follow up their servants to ensure that all taps are turned off immediately after using water—why should they, they ask, trouble to go into the servants' quarters or their own kitchens? Waste Water Inspectors have been a success elsewhere in times of more acute water scarcity than perhaps Hong Kong will ever know. It may be said that landlords and tenants here would object to such inspectors entering their premises. Let them! They must be taught the communal spirit. The Government takes power to do quite a host of things that people do not like—but the Government takes good care that it has its own way in the end and that the grumblers and growlers must submit in the long run. If it is only a question of money that the Government is concerned with in not adopting the idea of Waste Water Inspectors, let it enlist the always willing services of the members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Boy Scouts, or even of the Volunteer Corps: apportion them certain specified districts wherein they can make surprise visits (wearing a specified badge of authority), and it will be surprised to find the number of cases

of sheer and wilful waste of water that is going on, the number of taps that are out of order, and perhaps even the number of meters that badly need adjusting! If this matter of waste conservation is to be tackled thoroughly in the interests of the whole community, let the Government have the courage of its own convictions and instal Waste Water Inspectors forthwith. Merely to preach about the virtue of saving water and merely to ask for the co-operation of the public will avail little or nothing if Hong Kong ever comes to the dreaded pass of being a parched and water-less island.

Beyond a handful of Hong Kong stamp collectors the community does not appear to have taken the slightest interest in the interesting paragraph wafted over the "wireless" by the British service from Rugby the other day to the effect that for the second time only in its history, the British Post Office is about to issue commemorative postage stamps. The British Post Office, which introduced the postage stamp, has since 1840, preserved a uniform attitude averse to the use of stamps for commemorative or similar purposes. In connection, however, with the Postal Union Convention, which assembles in a few weeks in London, five kinds of stamps are to be on sale at all Post Offices for three months in place of those of ordinary design. Their values are to be a 1/4d., 1d., 1 1/2d., 2 1/2d., and 5d. It is interesting to note the revival of the 5d. stamp. Issues of adhesive stamps of this value were abolished fourteen years ago, and the revival is for this occasion only.

But Hong Kong has received the interesting information as calmly as it would read of a dog running amok in a Timbuctoo village. Although the Postmaster is on Home leave, the Colony is not to be represented, as are the Philippines and China, at the Postal Convention, Hong Kong has nothing to bring forward and does not care a brass farthing whether one or a hundred Postal Conventions are held or whether one or a hundred commemorative postage stamps are issued at Home.

It seems about time that the Postal Department here either issued a commemorative stamp of some kind or issued a new design for all postage stamps. The present stamp cannot be called beautiful or chaste in any way—it is amongst the most commonplace-looking stamps that one gets in the course of a day's mails. True, it has the merit, not generally known, of being the design of a local man—at least the original Hong Kong stamp was—but it is becoming terribly monotonous—as monotonous as the halfpenny British stamp. Why not have a view of the Peak by night or of our always full reservoirs or of our pulpit Brokers' Alley, or something of the kind—something to cheer the recipient of a lawyer's letter instead of to depress. A Popularity Contest for the photo of the most popular taipan might result in enough money coming in to pay for the printing of the whole issue for the next ten years. And apart from that, when the Postal Department awakens to the fact that the little books of stamps are really a convenience both to the house and the office it might get in more revenue by printing on the backs advertisements of a cheerful nature such as "Every Picture Tells a Story," "Since Licking Your Stamp I've Licked No Other," "Buy Your Shares From Ally Sloper, the Best Broker in Town," "Why Pant for Water When We Make the Best Pants in the City," and so forth. If only Hong Kong could be represented at the forthcoming Postal Convention our delegate could return chockful of real brainy ideas such as these.

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Every tyranny that ever existed has been a tyranny of law and arose because of the error in thinking that whatever is law is right because the law so declares. The prohibition law is just such a tyranny and it is just as much the right and duty of citizens to advocate its repeal as it was the right of the prohibitionists to urge its enactment.—U.S. Senator James A. Reed of Missouri.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 18 of 1928 (an Ordinance to protect the registered proprietor of any design registered in the United Kingdom).

Two Northern Chinese were fined \$5 each by Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy yesterday for fighting in the street. One of the combatants had his jacket ripped open and the other had a bruise in the stomach. All quiet!

Valuation lists for the Colony's assessment for the year 1929-1930 will be open to inspection at the Treasury for 21 days commencing to-day.

Our correspondent at Pakkai reports that Baron A. Sadoine, who has been Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs at Kowloon, has proceeded on furlough.

Prof. W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., F.R.S.E., will deliver a lecture on "Junior Technical School" in Room "K" of the University Main Building, on Monday, at 8.30 p.m.

Unless cause to the contrary is shown, the names of the following will be struck off the local register of companies:—Leong Hing Co., Ltd., James Der A. Wing & Co., Ltd., Hang Shun Wo Co., Ltd., Kwok Tai Tobacco Co., Ltd.

Signor Carpi's Italian Grand Opera Company will make the Star Theatre the venue of its stay in Hong Kong and not at the Theatre Royal as previously announced. Booking is now at Moutrie's. Those who have already booked at Anderson's may transfer their seats at either Moutrie's or the Star Theatre.

Staff officers of the North China Command, who were transferred to Hong Kong on the South China Command becoming the China Command, arrived here yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" from Shanghai. Those of the 14th Infantry Brigade, however, remain in Shanghai with the Brigade's staff headquarters.

The management of the Peninsula Hotel notifies that the usual daily tea dance and dinner dance will not be held on Friday, as the grill room and roof garden have been reserved for the Chamber of Commerce banquet in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. The Hong Kong Hotel roof garden dinner dance and the dance at the Peak Hotel on the same day will be held as usual.

Colleen Moore sustained serious injuries during the filming of her new First National picture, "The Desert Flower" now being shown at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon. While posing for the camera on a speeding hand car, the handle of the machine struck her, injuring her spine and neck. Work on the production was suspended for six weeks but the little star has completely recovered.

An armed robbery alleged to have been committed on April 12 was reported to the Police yesterday by a Chinese woman, 80 years of age, who said that she resided in an unnumbered house on the southern side of Tung Lung Island, near Waglan. Four men, she said, entered her premises at about 9.30 p.m. on April 2. Her daughter, 61 years old, a son (55), and a friend were present at the time. They were bound and gagged and, after ransacking the house, the robbers left with booty to the total value of \$55.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY HALL FOUNTAIN

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I do not know for how long the powers-that-be intend to keep the fountain working on the occasion of the royal visit but I think it scandalous that they should put it into operation at all at a time when everyone is being urged to undergo even greater hardships in the matter of water economy. Much water has already been expended in putting the disused fountain in order and Goodness knows how many gallons will be wasted next week.

I am quite sure that the royal visitor would not care whether there was a fountain outside the City Hall or not; he may not notice it unless it is pointed out to him and then, if he happens also to have seen the long queues waiting at the street taps, his impression is more likely to be one of amazement at such colossal waste than of admiration for a pretty spectacle.

I have heard indignation expressed on all sides regarding this bad example to water consumers and it is not too late even now to notice it unless it is pointed out to him and then, if he happens also to have seen the long queues waiting at the street taps, his impression is more likely to be one of amazement at such colossal waste than of admiration for a pretty spectacle.

Yours etc.,

ONE-BATH-A-WEEK.

Hong Kong, April 19.

[Note: Definite information as to the source of the fountain's supply was not forthcoming this morning but, to the best of our information, it is presumed that the water will come from the mains, there being, so far as is known, no nullah in the vicinity to keep the fountain in working order.]—Editor, "China Mail."

COMEDY COMPANY

"THE ROOKERY HOOK" AT THE STAR

DELIGHTFUL FARCE.

Last evening a full house at the Star Theatre was delighted with another of the Aldwych farces, "The Rookery Hook," presented by the new Banvard English Comedy Company. From start to finish the play was full of humour and there was not a dull moment. It depends for its plot upon the compromising situation in which the recently married Gerald Popkiss finds himself when staying at the Rookery Nest, Chumpton-on-Sea. He has arrived ahead of his wife, and is unpacking when Rhoda, nearly enters and more or less claims his hospitality and pyjama trousers, her own being soaked through owing to a walk through dewy grass. She has been turned out of her home by her German stepfather, Clive Popkiss, Gerald's cousin also arrives and sees the girl, and promises to keep Gerald. The main difficulty is to keep Gertrude Swire, a relation, from hearing about it and the remainder of the piece describes in a most hilarious fashion their endeavours to do so. At the end, which unfortunately appeared a trifle abrupt; every thing is cleared up in the manner in which one would expect.

Rhoda Morley and Gerald Popkiss are the main characters and were admirably played by Miss Kathleen Vaughan and Mr. Barty Russell. The former made a most pleasing runaway and was fascinating throughout.

The Comic Element. Barty Russell again provided the comic element in his own inimitable fashion, and scored another success which will make him a firm favourite with Hong Kong audiences.

Mr. Heaton Grey as Clive Popkiss, a bachelor and heart-freer, gave one of his best performances, and his deliberate speech was appreciated especially as it was a direct contrast to the rather quieter loves of his cousin, Gerald. The pair, to use a film expression, made a splendid Comedy Team.

The Daily Help, Mrs. Leverett, played by Miss Annie Chipendale, was perhaps the most realistic character in the play and that was due to superb acting. Those who saw her walk up the stairs to find out just who was in the bedroom will never forget it. She was a bedder, gyp, and London landlady, rolled into one.

"Cattish" Miss Valentine Clewson was a most successful "cattish" Gertrude and Mr. C. V. Wallace as her husband, Harold, had a part in which he was excellent. The droll speech and slow movement of the apparently half-degraded Harold being portrayed in fine style.

Poppy Dickey was definitely a "bird" and in playing the part Miss Josephine Kilfoyle again proved her versatility.

Mr. H. J. Corner, Miss Elana Aherne, and Mr. Reginald Tippet as Putz, Clara Popkiss, and Admiral Juddy, respectively, all contributed in their usual excellent style to complete a cast which is without doubt one of the best we have ever had in Hong Kong.

NOT CONVICTED

JUDGE AGREES WITH VERDICT OF JURY

His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) told a jury at the April Criminal Sessions yesterday that the real evidence for the Crown was given by one man and that evidence was full of suspicious circumstances. He would not like to see anybody convicted on such evidence, he added.

After a short retirement the jury brought in verdicts of "not guilty" on charges of robbery by two or more at No. 61, First Street, on the night of March 14-15, and of counselling, procuring and commanding two men unknown to commit the robbery. This was the case in which the master of a rice shop was bound and gagged and later found to be dead. Both the principal witness for the Crown and prisoner had been in the victim's employment.

MISSING PLANE

HOPES DISAPPEARING OF FINDING AVIATORS

R.A.F. TO THE RESCUE

Sydney, Yesterday. Hopes of discovering the air-men, Anderson and Hitchcock, are rapidly fading. Eight aeroplanes, hitherto, have fruitlessly scoured the immense and practically uninhabited area. Five Air Force planes are joining the searchers and establishing inland bases at Waverhill and Flora Valley—Reuter.

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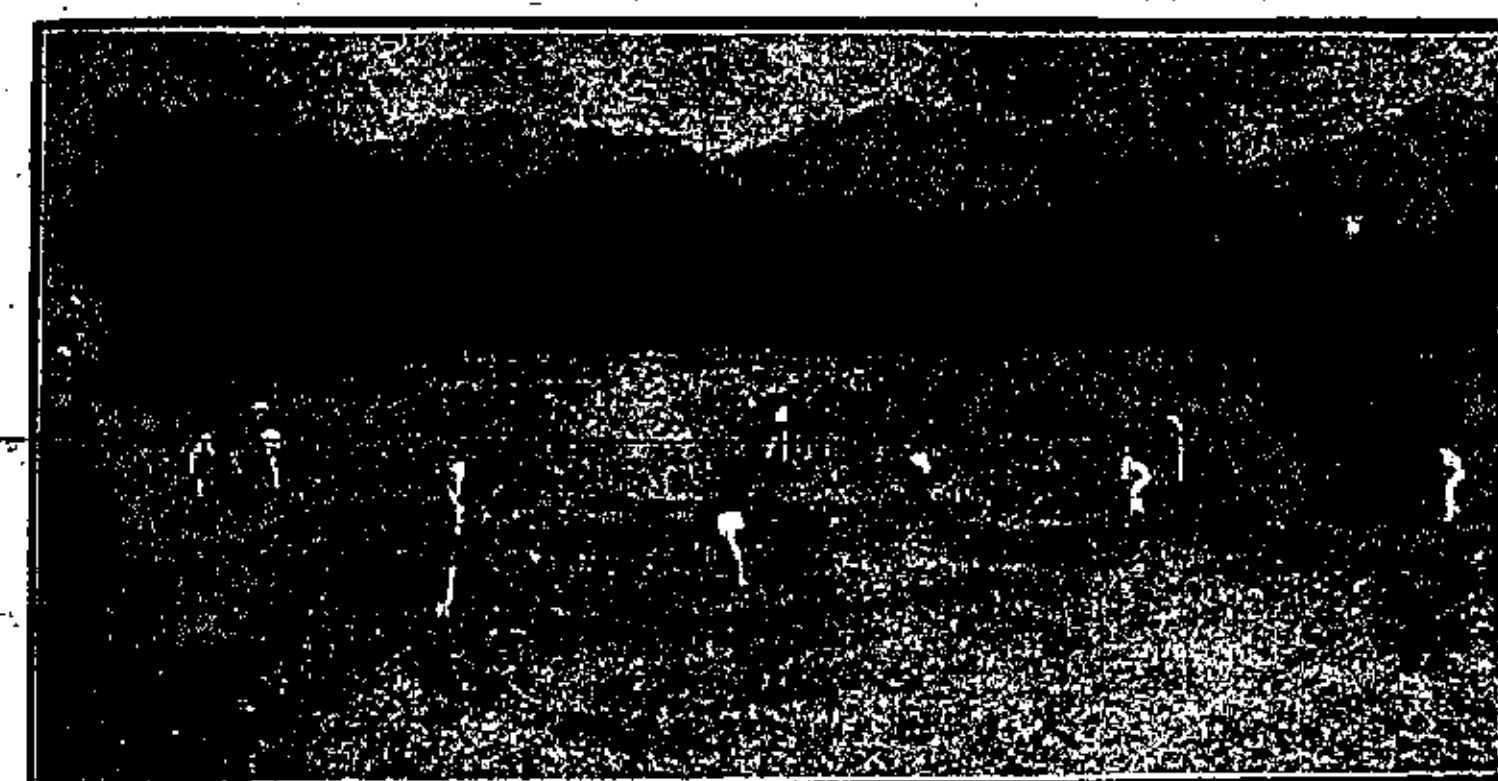
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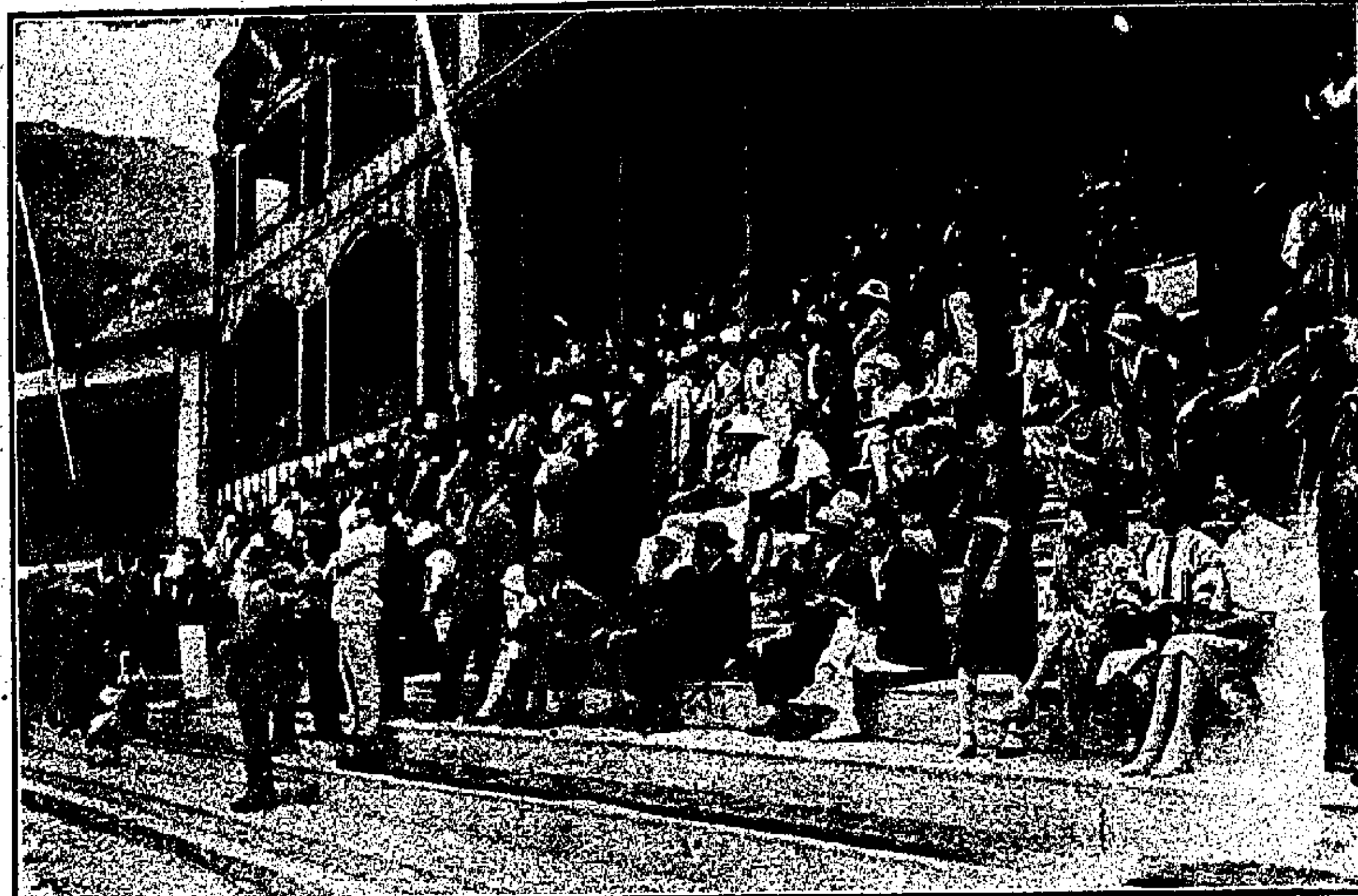
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BILLIARDS CHAMPION.—Mr. Alberto Jose Osmund, one of the best cueists in the Colony, at his wedding on April 14 at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, to Miss Ignez (Aggie) Alberta Vichy.



PACKED GRANDSTAND AT THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING.—A portion of the large crowd at Happy Valley, for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's third extra meeting of the season, in which no "winner" dividend of less than evens was returned. Note the proportion of Chinese ladies.—(K. Fujiyama).



TENNIS PRIZES.—Miss Stanion, presenting the prizes at the conclusion of the Hong Kong Cricket Club's annual tennis tournament. Mr. M. W. Lo, the open singles champion of 1928, is seen on the right, receiving his trophies.—(K. Fujiyama).



"WEN THAT GIRL."—A scene from the Fox picture of that name, which is the attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow and on Monday.



CHIEF AND PETTY OFFICERS' FOOTBALL TEAM.—of H.M.S. "Cornwall," one of the five new cruisers on the China Station. This photo was taken on shipboard.—(By courtesy of Mr. F. G. Ball).



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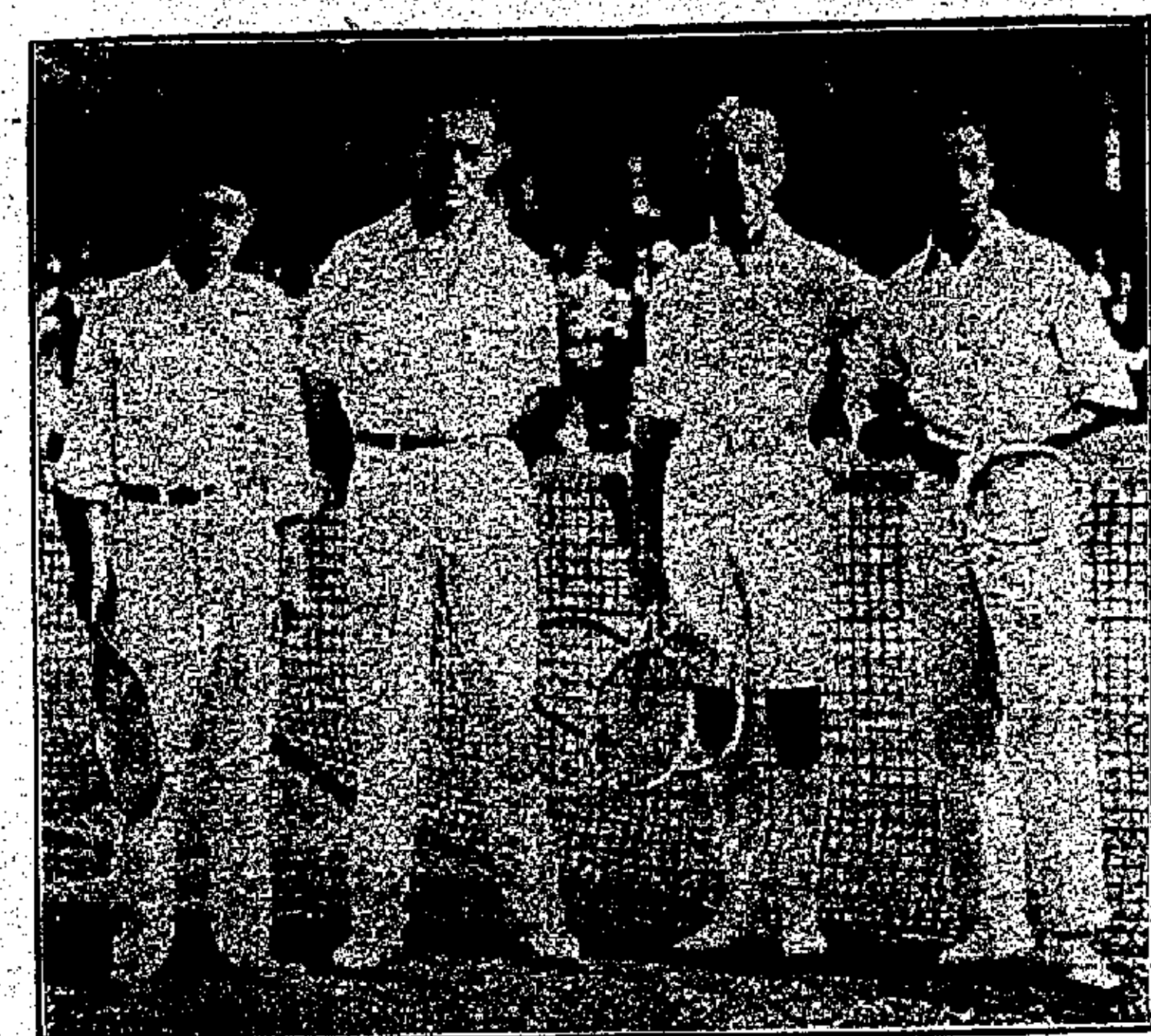
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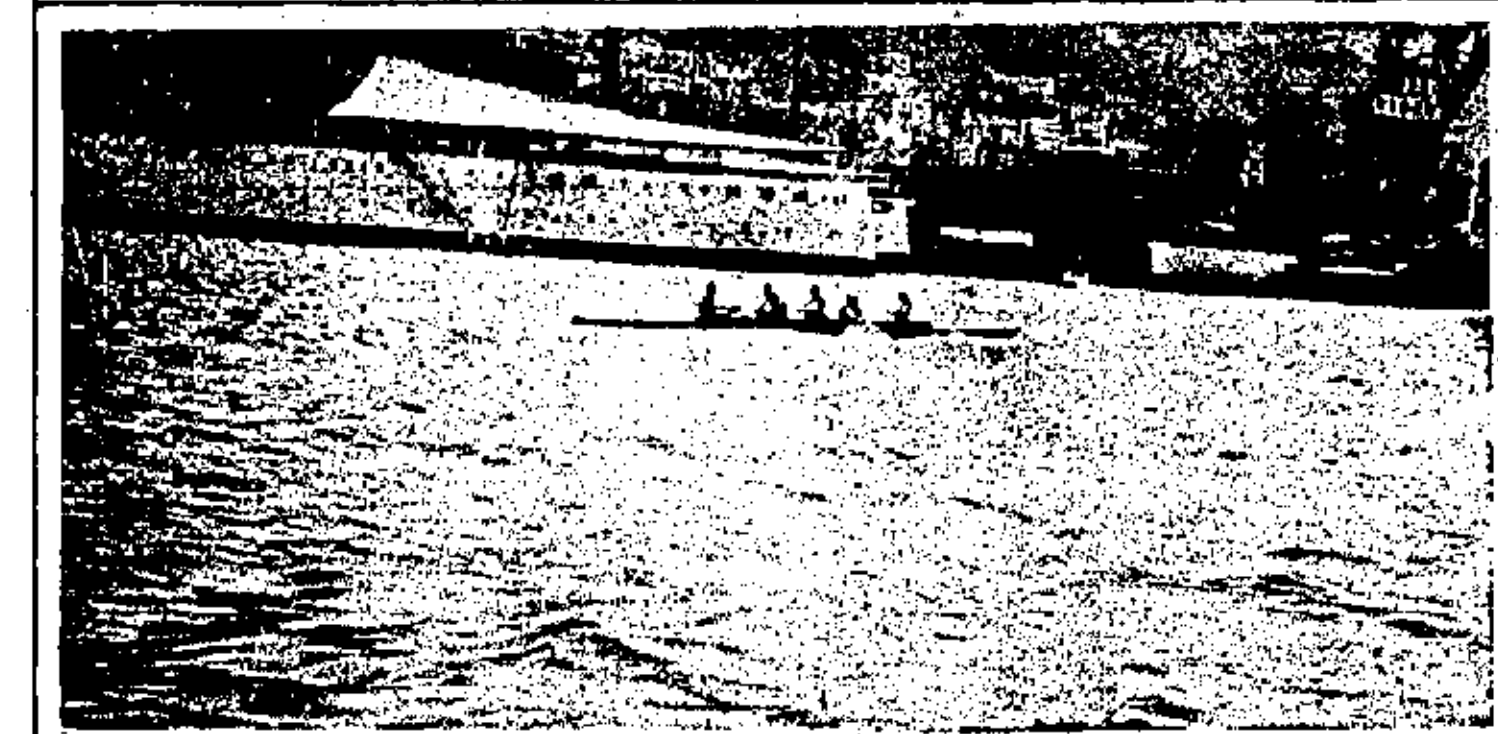
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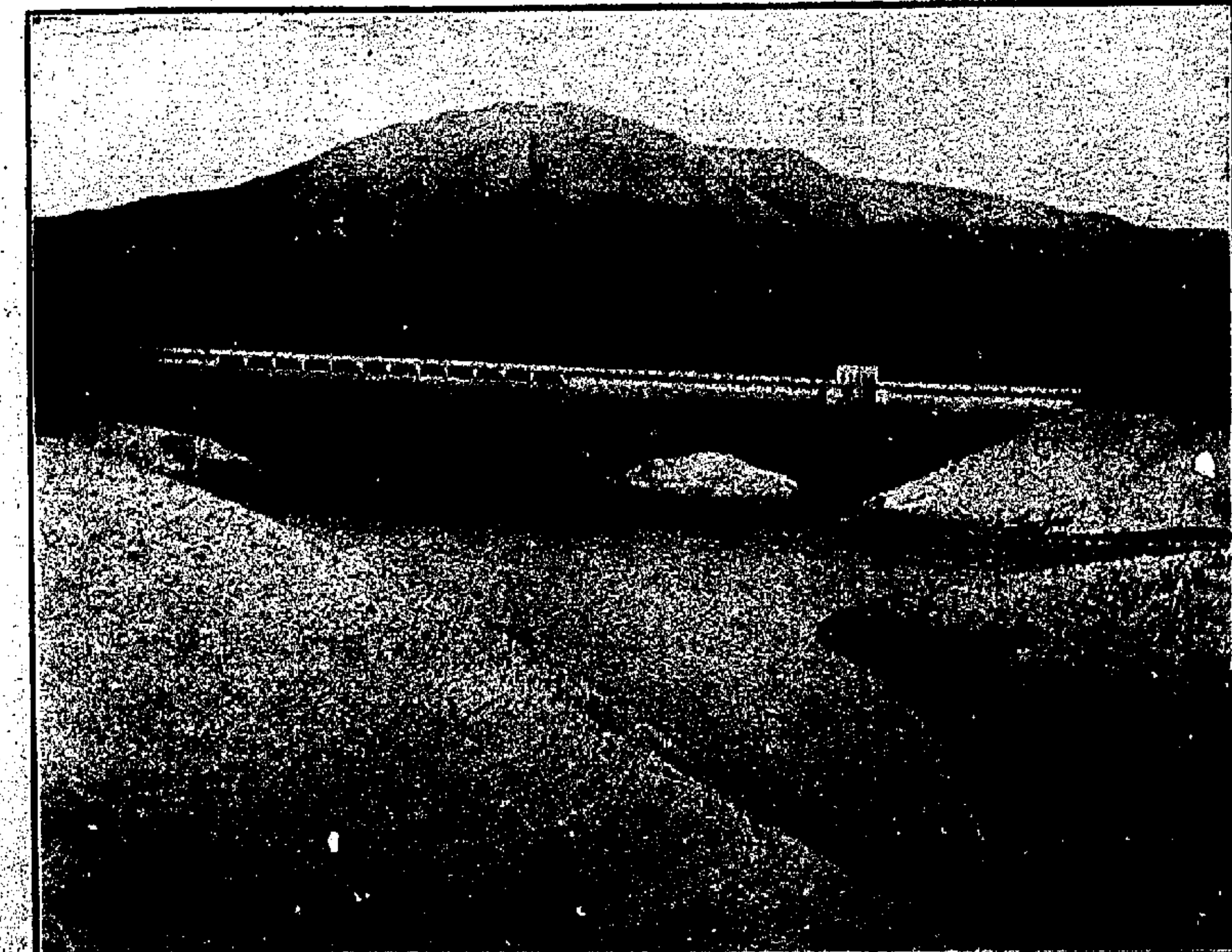
ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.—The start of one of the races in the annual athletic sports last week.—(K. Fujiyama).



DOUBLES FINAL.—S. A. Rumjahn (extreme right) and H. D. Rumjahn (extreme left) won the open doubles lawn tennis championship of the Colony for the fifth year in succession, defeating J. S. McEachran (in shorts) and L. Goldman in five sets.—(K. Fujiyama).



ROWING REVIVAL AT V.R.C.—A race for scratch fours was held by the Victoria Recreation Club last Saturday. Upper Photo: the start, boat nearest camera (Alves' four, winners); next (Pinna's crew); furthest (Marcal's crew). Below, Marcal's boat passing the R. N. Dockyard.—(K. Fujiyama).



TYTAMTUK RUNS DRY.—Photo showing the marks on the reservoir's banks as the water receded during the long drought. The Chinese grave can be seen in centre (near top). The low level is emphasised by the colour of the soil at bottom.



MR. LIANG YU-HO.—President of the China International Famine Relief Commission who has returned to America after a visit to America. Much need of help in the northern provinces of China is evident.



WHY WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE STRINGENT.—Evidence of the scarcity in the reservoirs of Hong Kong. Above is Tytam, with the marks on the banks left by the water and the bare dam in the distance. Further restrictions may be necessary.

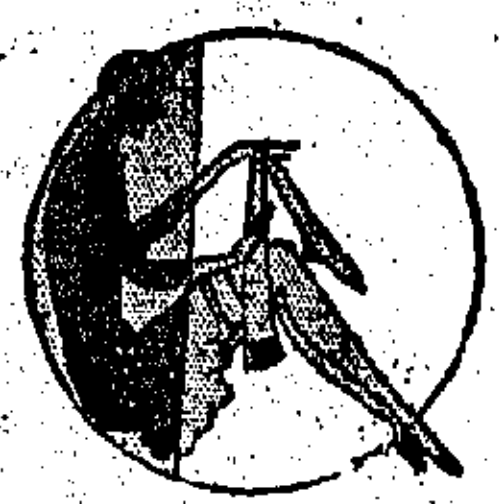


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PICTURES ON LOAN

WHY NOT LENDING GALLERIES?

[By Constance Eaton]

Literature is now a common possession of the nation, thanks to the lending library. Small as the price is for many of the best and greatest books, it is beyond the means of the majority of us. But no matter how poor the devoted reader, he or she may for a few pence carry home practically any book produced by the press. The lending library makes it possible for all of us to be temporary owners of the newest and the oldest book treasures of the world.

But though books have been put within the reach of the ordinary citizen, pictures are as far removed from him, except, of course, in reproduction, as they ever were. We are modern and democratic in our methods of book distribution, antiquated and exclusive in our methods with regard to pictures.

Child's First Passion

The love of pictures is as universal as the love of books. Indeed, pictures are the child's first passion. Why does not modern democracy make it possible for the average person to enjoy the art as well as the literature of the world?

Think for a moment of the advantages of a lending gallery. For one thing, it would enable us to change our pictures now and then. Pictures, like books, are food for the mind and the imagination. But we buy or borrow new books constantly, refreshing our souls with a change of diet. We can no more expect to receive the same freshness of stimulus from always looking at the same pictures than from always reading the same books. After a picture has hung on our wall for a certain interval of time, it becomes part of the wall, and we pay no more attention to it than we do to the wall.

Another advantage of a lending gallery is that it would make it possible for us to live with original paintings and drawings. Reproductions are well enough, and they have done much towards raising the popular standard of taste in art; they have been manufactured with the most praiseworthy verisimilitude and cheapness. But they cannot compete for a moment with originals. There is an entirely different feeling about the original. The actual paper or canvas on which the artist has worked, the colours laid there by his own brush or pencil, carry with them the inspiration of his own mood and personality, and no reproduction—no matter how ingeniously done—could possibly convey them. The dearest ambition of many art lovers is to see on their walls the actual work of the artist's own hands.

Incidentally, the lending gallery would be an immense help to the growing band of struggling young painters, and would save many of them the discouragement which proverbially dogs their steps. It would supply them with a little money, but, above all, it would make their work known. It would in time be the means of hastening the day of recognition for the genuine artist, because the only sure way to determine the value of pictures is to hang them on one's walls for a while. A picture, like a human

Style and Comfort



Spring has come to stay and brought with it this adorable sports frock, which is simplicity itself. The blouse is of flat crepe in a delicate purple hue, with a neckline which carries out the very popular scarf motif. The ample pleated skirt provides just the right contrast and helps to make this one of the most charming models of the season.

being, needs to be lived with to be fairly judged.

Joy of Choosing

Think of the day on which you might be faring forth, not to the lending library, but to the lending gallery! Imagine for a moment the aesthetic pleasure of viewing scores of pictures with the object of choosing one or two to take home for temporary ownership.

And, finally, summon up the vision of a water-colour signed by such-and-such an artist hanging there by your desk, or a landscape in oils by such-and-such another, bringing midsummer into your cold north bed-room. Then wonder to yourself why we have not had lending galleries long, long since!



A wide-brim straw.

CHORUS GIRLS

THEIR FIRST FATTENING MEAL

Eighteen chorus girls who are to appear in Mr. C. B. Cochran's new revue began in mail week the course of fattening luncheons which, it is hoped, will develop them into plump young women such as were seen on the stage in Victorian days.

Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, who prescribed the food for the luncheons, sat in the centre of a long table in Lyons' Corner House, Oxford-street, W., and watched the girls. By his side was Mr. Cochran.

Everybody drank milk, for milk is part of the fattening diet. The menu was:

Cup of Cream Soup.

Omelette.

Wholemeal Bread and Butter.

Cheese.

Honey.

Milk.

Sir William Arbuthnot Lane told the girls that they were the pioneers of a campaign which would lead to a healthier and plumper womanhood.

Controller of Shapes

"The public take their cue from you," he added "and when women see your rounded, graceful bodies on the stage they will soon want to change their boyish figures for feminine figures like yours."

Sir William also remarked that the world would regard Mr. Cochran as one of its greatest geniuses and philanthropists.

"We have found another Mussolini," he declared. "Mussolini may control the length of the women's dresses in Italy but Mr. Cochran will control the shapes of women all over the world."

Mr. Cochran said that he was led to seek a means of producing a plumper chorus girl because for several years he had noticed that the girls under his care were not physically fit for their strenuous work. "I discovered that they were not eating sufficient food or the right food."

Paris Approves

Parisian actresses, beauty specialists, and women writers are entirely in agreement with Mr. Cochran that the era of the slender line for women is over.

M. Maurice de Waleffe, the organiser of world-wide beauty contests, says:

The Egyptian fashions in the past committed the grave error of trying to develop the slender woman. The Greeks and Romans energetically reacted against this.

One of the most beautiful lines in woman is the graceful curve of the waist between the shoulders and hips.

Mme. Aurel, the woman novelist, said:

The exaggerated slender line is a danger to the white race. It has caused the loss of their health and later in life the joys of maternity to hundreds of thousands of our girls.

Countess de la Rochefoucauld said:

Thin women look awful. Have you ever contemplated them on the seashore with their bony legs and skinny shoulders?

A Study in Contrasts



According to statisticians, it was just ten years ago that the word "flapper" was first used in Britain to describe a very young girl. America borrowed it and put its own interpretation on it. But does the origin of the word matter? The important thing is that the picture on the left, showing a typical "flapper" of a decade ago, has nothing in common with the contemporary flapper. Judge for yourself. Now in the picture on the right it is really up to us to imagine that the lady possesses certain of her "important" members. But Miss 1929, on the right, leaves no doubt in anybody's mind—she definitely has ankles and arms and legs—and how?

NEW CLOTHES

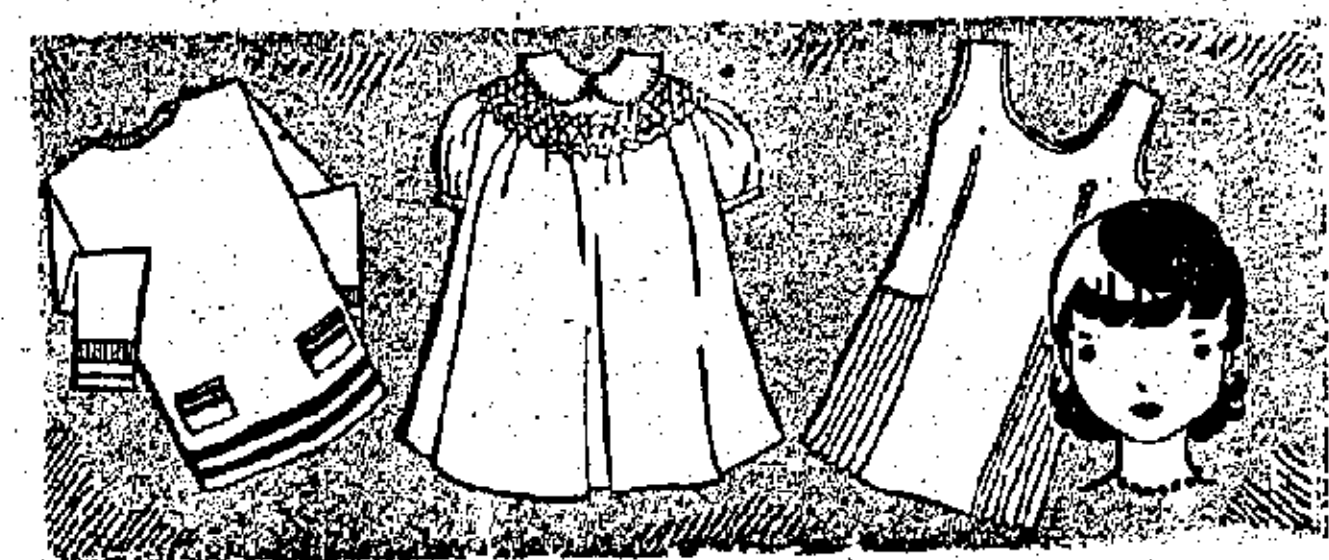
At the present time all but those whose thoughts are fixed on great matters to the exclusion of all else must realise that clothes are occupying much attention—at least, the attention of women.

You may have spent all your money already, or you may be an earnest person who only regards clothes as a covering to be bought when necessity demands. Even so, you must be aware that columns of print, pages of pictures—and fascinating displays in the shop windows are calling attention to the fact that spring clothes and hats are here, that there are ger-

that youth has fled and the shopper has entered upon a fresh stage of her career. The discovery that a hat which has always been my style is no longer may fix a gulf between then and now. But for a man! well, I ask you!

DOMESTIC SERVICE AGAIN

Many women must have been reading with interest a correspondence in one of the newspapers on the subject of domestic service and its improvement, but although much has been written by capable persons, anxious to find some



Coolness for the children.

tain changes in materials, designs and lengths which make the clothes of yesteryear seem what they are, and that we must be up and doing in the matter of looking modern and "right."

Men may be, and are, self-conscious about their clothes being correct, but they have a dull time compared to women when it comes to new garments. How uninteresting to change a button or to add another, to choose a tie and get socks to match, and to ring the changes on various shirts, compared with the variety and novelty involved in a woman's shopping to suit the change of seasons. To women, a new hat is far more than a new hat. It may mean romance, gaiety, youth, or, again, it may offer the first proof

solution of the vexatious "domestic problem," one feels that no definite conclusion has been reached.

The suggestion that a federation should be formed of women's societies and organisations of all kinds, which would ask the Board of Education to develop the domestic side in schools and treat housecraft as a more important subject, is very good, but for some reason it seems difficult to organise such a body. Everyone agrees that something should be done, but societies of the kind meet with comparatively little support in relation to the number of persons interested in the subject of domestic service, and reforms which depend upon union between employers and employed seem slow in coming.

Jolly Tars in Hornpipe Costumes



Only they are tar-esses, as it were, and these pretty maidens gave a massed hornpipe, as shown above, at Vancouver's first Sea Music Festival which was held from January 23 to 26 at the Hotel Vancouver under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Miss Mary Isdale (centre) presented the dance and has also arranged others for the festival.

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THE FARTHING BREAKFAST.—At the Salvation Army's hall, Camberwell, London, poor children can secure a breakfast consisting of porridge, cocoa, bread and jam and a bun, all for a farthing. Needless to say, it has a good clientele. Here is seen a morning raid on the bread, jam and cocoa counter.—(Sport and General).



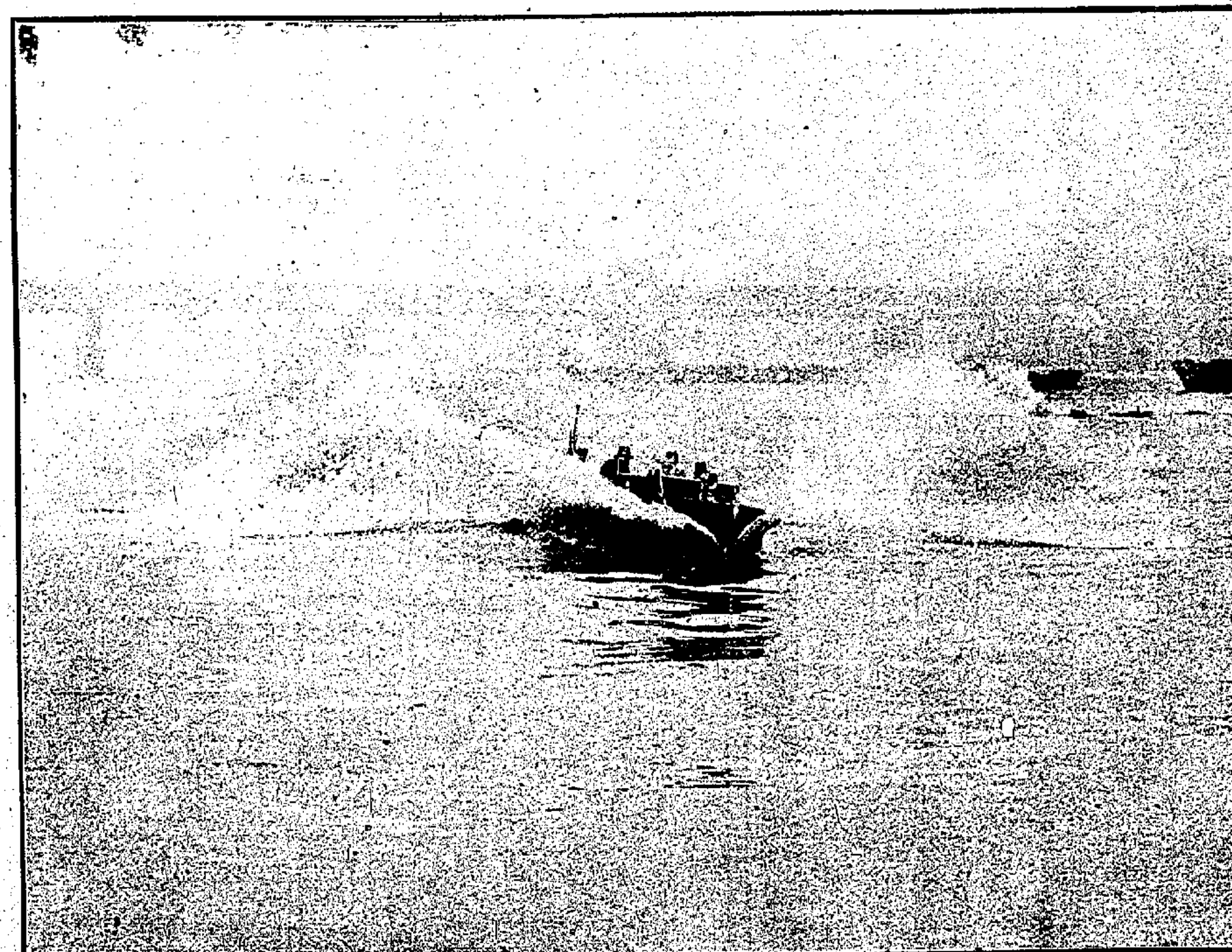
SURE SIGN THAT SPRING IS ON THE WAY.—The lambing season on a Hertfordshire farm. A pretty scene at Berkhamsted. A dairy maid with an armful of newly born lambs, while the ewe anxiously looks on with maternal solicitude.—(Sport and General).



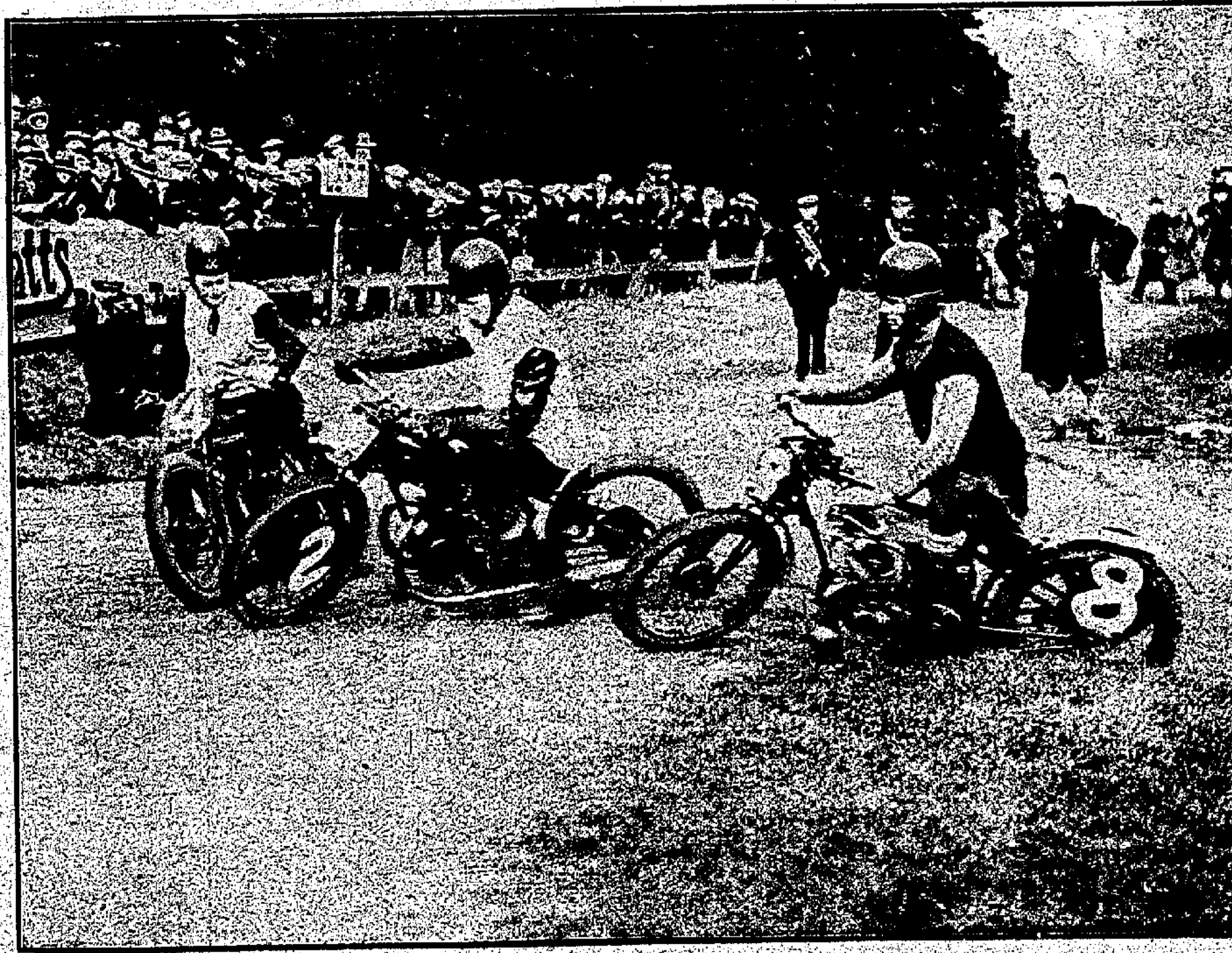
TROUBLE IN INDIA.—Alarming news has come through from India again and here is a photo showing how order is maintained. Riots were caused by false rumours spread by mischief makers to the effect that Pathans were kidnapping children. About 140 people were killed and 800 injured. Above are seen armoured cars drawn up outside Police headquarters ready to move at a moment's notice.—(Sport and General).



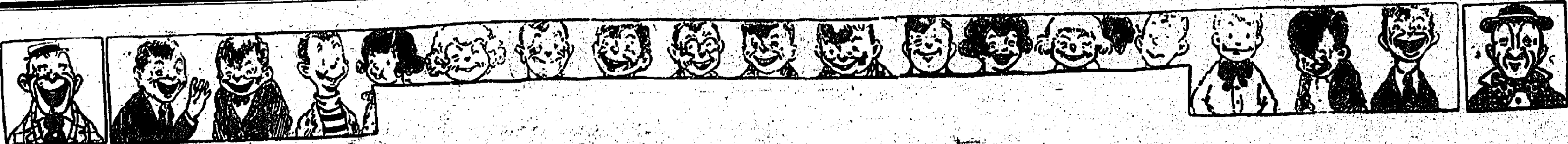
FERNIE HUNT POINT-TO-POINT RACES.—At Slawston, near Market Harborough, Leicestershire. A spill in the Ladies' Race! Miss Audrey Kitson falling from her "Cuckoo" (3) at the first fence in The Adjacent Hunts Ladies' Race. The winner, Miss M. Lark's "Jig Saw" (5) is also seen.—(Sport and General).



SPEED MOTOR BOATING ON THE THAMES.—Messrs. Thornycroft, the famous shipbuilding firm, give a demonstration of their 140 h.p. "Sea Hawk" speed boat at Westminster, London. These speed boats, which travel at 35 miles per hour, carry 12 passengers and are designed for use at seaside resorts. Above is a striking picture of the "Sea Hawk" at speed.—(Sport and General).



SEASON'S FIRST MOTOR-CYCLE MEETING.—At Crystal Palace, London. Competitors were numerous for the eleventh meeting held on the road course by the Crystal Palace Motor Cycle Racing Club. A large crowd attended the opening of this popular sport. Left to right:—J. Collins (4), 172 Francis Barnett; F. Hoare (2), 172 A.K.D.; and J. W. Forbes (8), 172 Baker (the winner), rounding the maze hairpin in the Wolverhampton Cup race of three miles.—(Sport and General).



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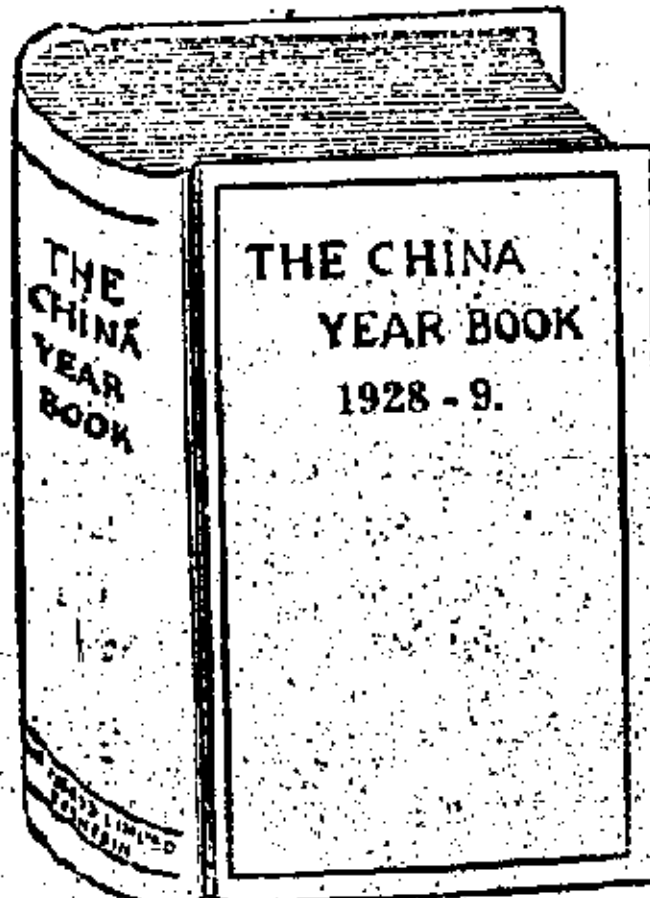
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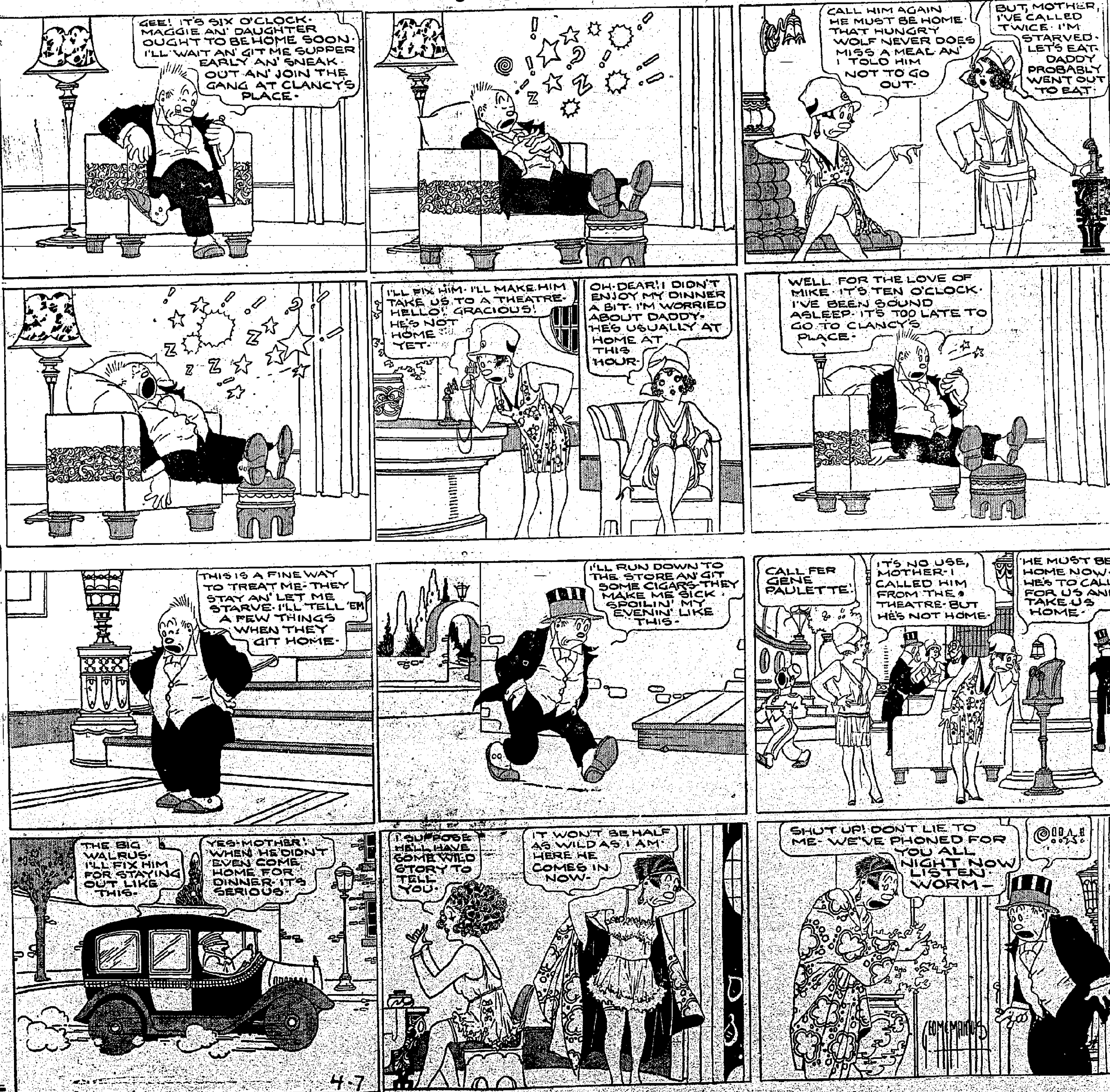
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Mythological Views of Jesus Become Popular

The following is a continuation, from last week, of the introduction by the Editor of the "Modern Churchman" to the series of addresses by eminent clerics on the subject of "Modern Christianity and Religion":—

But to turn now to the other question. Can we believe that there was a Jesus of History, or was He a myth? This question has been discussed on and off for the last one hundred and forty years in France, Germany, England and America. There was a notable controversy on this point in Germany and England in the first two decades of this century. It raised its head in England with J. M. Robertson's *Christianity and Mythology* published in 1900, and received its coup de grace from F. C. Conybeare's *The Historical Christ* (an investigation of the views of Mr. J. M. Robertson, Dr. A. Drews, and Prof. W. B. Smith) published by the Rationalist Press in 1914. In Germany it began with Kalthoff in 1903, and Maurenbrecher, Kautsky, Jensen, W. B. Smith, Drews, Stendel, Lublinski, W. Schultz, and others contributed volumes to it in favour of the mythological view, while Holtzmann, Wernle, von Soden, Julicher, Weinel, J. Weiss and a number of other scholars contributed volumes in favour of the historic view. I mention these names to indicate the magnitude of the subject and the interest it aroused. It is a matter with which Christian teachers should be acquainted, for the mythological view was put forward with a great display of erudition, notably in certain cases by leaders of the social-democratic movement, and it has become popular with many educated men of the artistic class, and although, as we hold, the contentions of the mythologists were conclusively answered, the answers are not known in circles where the mythological volumes were read or possibly extracts from them cited.

Strange—Yet True

It will seem amazing to plain people, when we have a whole literature like our Four Gospels and the other writings of the New Testament, which assume as absolutely certain the existence of the historic Jesus and tell us a great deal about Him, that anyone can doubt that He was an historic personage. It seems equally strange, when we have a great institution like the Christian Church, which commemorates His shameful death in its chief sacramental rite and His resurrection on its weekly sacred day, that anyone can doubt that He was crucified. It seems almost equally significant that while the Jews, who were the bitterest opponents of the Christian Church, contradicted many things the Christians taught about Jesus—denying His virgin birth, His sinlessness, the resurrection of His body, etc.—they never denied His being an historic person.

Non-Christian Evidence

It is the weakness of non-Christian evidence to the existence of Jesus which has lent strength to the mythological theory. On several occasions at the Gorton Conference reference was made to the testimony of Josephus. Josephus was born of a high-priestly family in Jerusalem in 38 A.D. He witnessed the awful carnage of the Roman Jewish war, when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. He was intensely interested in Judaism; he was a profound student of it; and he was also one of the great historians of antiquity. He wrote the Jewish history of his own times, yet it is very doubtful if he ever refers in his writings to Jesus. Renan believed that he did, but it is thought by many that the passages have been interpolated. The first undoubted non-Christian testimony to Jesus is by Tacitus, who lived about 52 A.D. to 120 A.D. He was the great historian of Imperial Rome. He writes in his *Annals* XV, iv, 4:

"The author of this name [Christian] Christus was executed in the reign of Tiberius by the Procurator Pontius Pilate, and the detested superstition, suppressed for a time, broke out again, and spread not only over Judaea, where the evil originated, but even through Rome. Suetonius, a Roman historian, born about 70 A.D. and Pliny the Younger, born in 61 A.D., a Roman Governor, also refer to Christ. Certainly the evidence is slight, but Jesus of Nazareth in the eye of Roman Imperial historians was a very insignificant person in that great empire of a hundred million souls. Epistles Genuine

It is among Christian writers that we get the most inspiring evidence. All critics accept St. Paul's epistles to the Corinthians and Galatians as genuine. In I Corinthians ix, 5, he speaks of the brethren of the Lord, and in Galatians i, 19, he refers to James, the brother of the Lord. He does it in such a way as to indicate that

they were persons who were very well known to his readers. The descendants of these 'brethren of the Lord,' according to the great Church historian, Eusebius, the friend of Constantine the Great, survived for several generations in a humble condition. It is impossible to account for these brethren of Jesus if He Himself were not a human being.

Those who wish to read the argument against the mythological school can find it accurately and justly presented in four books in the English tongue: the first two by Englishmen, the third by an American, the fourth by a German.

(1) *The Historic Christ*, by F. C. Conybeare (Watts and Co., 1914); (2) *Jesus the Christ: Historical or Mythical?* by T. J. Thurnham (T. & T. Clark, 1912); (3) *The Historicity of Jesus*, by S. J. Case (University of Chicago Press, 1912); (4) *What is the Truth about Jesus Christ?* by Friedrich Loofs (T. & T. Clark, 1913). I would fain add a fifth document, the chapter (iv) entitled 'Jesus of Nazareth' in that most brilliant and enthralling of all Professor Glover's writings, *The Conflict of Religions in the Early Roman Empire* (Melhuon, 1909). It does not treat the mythological issue, but it gives the ineffaceable impression to its reader, such as he derives from the careful comparative study of the Synoptic Gospels, that he is walking on the solid ground of historical fact. As he rises from its perusal and from that of the Synoptists, he can put to himself Weinel's question and will feel himself able to answer it in Weinel's way: 'Do we know Jesus? Yes, we know Him very well indeed.'

Dismissed as Great

This passage from Weinel is only in seeming conflict with one often cited from Schweitzer. (Knowledge in Weinel's sense is *kennen*, *connaitre*; in Schweitzer's *wissen*, *savoir*). We may dismiss the mythological Jesus theory with the remark that it seems as grotesque to the scholarly student of the New Testament as Anglo-Israelism does to the critical scholar of the Old Testament.

"WIN THAT GIRL"

"AIR CIRCUS" STARS TOGETHER AGAIN

"FATHER AND SON"

"Win That Girl," featuring Sue Carol and David Rollins, who were recently seen here in "The Air Circus," is based upon a football feud in the families of the Nortons and Brawns. The battle runs through three generations, and the action is studded with the most delicious comedy.

The original story, "Father and Son," was written by James Hopper and it was published in the "Saturday Evening Post." Many of the football scenes, which are said to be extremely thrilling, were "shot" at Loyola College, Los Angeles. Unusual scenes of the players in actual contest are among the features of the picture.

In the well-selected cast the director has chosen such artists as Roscoe Karns, Tom Elliott, Sidney Bracey, Mack Flaker, Maxine Shelly, and Betty Recklaw.



David Rollins and Sue Carol in "Win That Girl," Fox picture,—at the Queen's Theatre, April 21 and 22.

CHINESE CHAMBER

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FEES OF MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, when a large and representative gathering of Chinese businessmen was present. Mr. Li Yick-mui and Mr. Chau Yue-ting, the newly elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman presided.

A tribute to the good work of Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, the retiring Secretary, was paid. On the resignation of Mr. Ip they lost a staunch supporter, the Chairman said.

Mr. Ip is succeeded by Mr. Chan Heung-pak.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, after thanking the Chairman, suggested that on account of the recent inauguration of the Chinese Library in the Chamber, and the fact that the Chamber is making annual contributions to quite a number of educational institutions in Hong Kong, including the University, to increase the annual members' fee for individuals to \$10, for business shops \$15, for companies \$20 and for the minor business associations \$75.

Letters from Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, Ho Lu, Ho Kwong, Ho Wing, and Fung Heung-chuen, indicating their intention to resign from the Executive Committee of the Chamber, were read, and after some deliberation Messrs. Li Shing-kui, Ma Chu-chiu, Yu Chuk-sang and Lau Yuk-wan were elected to fill the vacancies.

Famine

The famine in China caused by the serious drought was then discussed. The meeting decided to send the letters to the Tung Wah Hospital urging that some relief be afforded to the northern refugees.

Herbalist

A letter from the Hong Kong Native Herbalist Association, complaining of the ban placed on the use of herbs as medicine by the Nanking Government was read. The Association urged the Chamber to lodge a protest to the Nanking Government. It is explained that herbs had been used for thousands of years in the Country and the Hong Kong Association cannot find any good reason why the National authorities should take these drastic measures.

The Secretary informed the representative of the herbalists that on account of the strong sentiment in many parts of the country the Nanking Ministry of Health had cancelled its order a few days ago.

Anti-Japan Boycott

Reference was made to the seizure by anti-Japanese boycott pickets of goods from Hong Kong. One such lot was 15 buckets of salt fish, produce of the U.S.A., at Hohau, Samshui, on the West River. Another was 24 bags of Java sugar at Tungshoi, near Swabue (Shanmei). Action will be taken by the Chamber to urge the picket headquarters in Canton to release the goods.

China Products

"To encourage China products will be the sole and cardinal means to save the country," states the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, in a notification to the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber that the Spring exposition of China products will be opened to-morrow (in Shanghai). Hong Kong merchants are asked to take part in the exposition.

A renewal of the anti-British boycott at Wanshan, an Upper Yangtze port of call between Ichang and Chungking, is reported in a R.N. communique.

THE YANGTZE WAR

DEVELOPMENTS IN SHASI-ICHANG AREA

NANKING CLAIMS VICTORY

Shanghai, Yesterday. Fighting has been going on on both banks of the Yangtze River between Shasi and Ichang between 15,000 former Wu-Han troops, who are being attacked from the east by National forces, and from the west by Szechuanese for the Nationalists. Gun firing went on all night long around Ichang.

Japanese women and children sought refuge aboard a Japanese gunboat.—Reuter.

Talk With Feng

Shanghai, Yesterday. A communique from the front says that a considerable number of Tao Chun's rebels have been disarmed by Government forces who have seized over 10,000 rifles in the region between Kingchow and Shasi. The remnant of the rebels are fleeing in confusion.

A message from Nanking says that 16 aeroplanes are being des-

Hankow, Yesterday. A Chinese (pro-Nanking) gunboat was reported to be in action to-day five miles below Shasi (which is 287 miles above Hankow).—British Naval Wireless.

patched from Nanking to the front to assist in the extermination of the Wu-Han insurgents.

A further message from Nanking to the Kuo Min news agency says that Hsueh Tuh-pi, the Minister of Health, who is going abroad shortly to study health conditions, left last evening for Hwasan, Shensi, to confer with General Feng Yushiang concerning the general situation. He will later proceed to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek before departing for America.—Reuter.

Digging In

Hankow, Yesterday. It appears that all fighting is suspended for the present. The position at present is that Hu Tung-tao and Tao Chun are occupying a stretch of country between Shasi and Ichang, where it is stated they are digging in and erecting defences. Their rear is protected by the Hupei General Liu Ho-ting, who holds Ichang, effectively preventing a further advance by Liu Hsiang's Szechuanese. The latter would require additional forces to capture Ichang, but dare not draw further troops from Chungking owing to the threat of occupation by Yang Sen and Lu Chi-chow. Meanwhile negotiations are going on between Hupei and Nanking representatives and it is hoped a peaceful settlement can be arranged.—Reuter.

Wu-Han Muddle

Hankow, Yesterday. It is announced that General Lu Ti-ping's garrison headquarters are being shifted from Hankow to

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"KEEP WATCH"

The annual meeting of the Navy League was held yesterday evening in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was in the chair and was supported by Mr. L. M. Whyte (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. A. J. Bird (Hon. Treasurer).

After the reports and statement of accounts had been read, Sir Henry Pollock proposed their adoption, which was seconded by Mr. S. C. Schrubsole.

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman then addressed the meeting as follows:—

The report and accounts of this branch of the Navy League for the year 1928, are now in your hands, and the only item in the report and accounts which, I think, calls for special comment, is paragraph four of the report, from which you will see that an Overseas Conference will be held in London about October 24, 1929. In that connection the incoming Committee will be glad to receive suggestions from the members of this branch as to the agenda and as to any names of delegates from this branch to be present at that meeting.

The Navy League motto is, "Keep Watch," and there is much to be watched over in our widely scattered Empire with its long lines of communication.

In particular out here, in the extreme Far East, the importance of our Navy and of its maintenance at adequate strength to meet the responsibilities of the British Government for the protection of British lives and property in the present disturbed state of affairs in China must be patent to everybody.

Sympathy for Chinese Republic

Whilst all of us can and must fully sympathise with the present Rulers of the Chinese Republic in their strenuous endeavours to set their house in order, it would be a very poor sign of friendship on our part towards those Rulers to pretend that they have an easy task ahead of them, in the present unsettled state of their country.

In these circumstances, our Head Office deserves the utmost support which Britons out here can give it in its strenuous campaign to defeat the machination of those false economists who would, if they were not strenuously

opposed, cut down our Navy below what is, having regard to our world-wide interests, the margin of prudence.

Life Blood of Colony

Accordingly it behoves Britons in Hong Kong, where shipping is the life blood of the Colony, to roll up and join this Branch of the Navy League, and I would particularly urge the members of the St. George's, St. Andrew's, and St. David's Societies to join this Branch of the League en bloc, and thus increase our membership from a little over 200 to about 1,000 members and thus restore this Branch to the proud position which it occupied at the beginning of 1927 when it had a credit balance of nearly \$3,500, which enabled it to remit during that year nearly £170 towards the General Fund of the Head Office.

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Helps to Relieve Unemployment

As an extra reason for joining this Branch of the Navy League, I would mention the excellent work which is being performed by the Head Office, in conjunction with the Navy League of Canada, in the important work of settling some of the surplus population of Great Britain with their families in the Dominions of Canada, thereby effecting the double purpose of helping to relieve unemployment at Home and helping to develop with British labour the resources of that Great Dominion.

I would, therefore, once again say to British subjects here, women as well as men:—

"Join the Hong Kong Branch of the Navy League, and send along your \$5 to Mr. W. A. Dowdley, 44, Des Voeux-road, Central, who has kindly consented to stand for election as our Hon. Treasurer."

I now beg formally to move the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Election of Officers
In re-electing Sir Henry Pollock as President of the League, Mr. Whyte said that Sir Henry had done much for the furtherance of the League and was in every way worthy of the Presidentship. He was always willing to do his utmost and had been very energetic in dealing with all problems arising in connection with the League.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. A. L. Shields and carried.

On the proposition of Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Mr. R. Sutherland, Commodore R. A. S. Hill, R.N., was elected Vice-President.

Other officers returned to office were Mr. L. M. Whyte, Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. A. Dowdley, Hon. Treasurer, and Messrs. R. Sutherland and C. Champkin, committee.

Film on Empire Day
Mr. Whyte then informed the meeting that the League had secured the film "Keep Watch" and intended to show it on Empire Day. The manager of the Queen's Theatre had been ap-

proached, and he had promised to exhibit the film on Empire Day during that day's performances. The film may be shown at the 2.15 or 5.15 performance, and he invited members to suggest a time when it would be most suitable to have the film exhibited.

Mr. W. J. Stokes said that if the film was shown at the 2.15 p.m. performance, it would largely benefit the young people, whereas if shown at the 5.15 performance, the elder people would have a chance to see it as well.

In view of the long daylight which would prevail on the day, it was decided to exhibit the film at the 5.15 performance.

It was also mentioned that the film was a great success at Home, showing the power of the British Navy in comparison with that of other nations. It was hoped that a large number of sons and fathers and even mothers would turn out on that day to see the film.

Sailors' and Soldiers' Home
The Rev. J. Knight Anstey, of the Wesleyan Church, then made an appeal for funds for the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. He said that since the new home was built, they had attained to a very high standard of comfort for both the men of the British Navy and Army and also of the Air Force. A home of that kind could not be run with a profit, and they did not intend that it should be a profit-making institution. Under the circumstances, the home had to depend on public support. The Navy League had always contributed towards the fund of the Home, and he appealed either for a yearly donation or a fixed subscription. He added that the Home was much appreciated by the boys from the Navy, and it was more a home to them than to the soldiers.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock thanked the speaker for the interesting facts given of the home, and assured him that the incoming Committee would give the matter their best consideration.

F. H. Lyon is the new Gloucestershire cricket captain, in succession to W. H. Rowlands.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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On demand	47 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	49 1/2
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Wire	131
On demand	131
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Wire	131
On demand	131
On Singapore—	
On demand	84 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	95 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/2
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On Yokohama—	
On demand	105 1/2
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Silver (per oz.)	25 13/16
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Milan	92.70
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Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.57
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	32.895
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
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Rio	5 57/64
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These are among the outstanding events of a week rendered noteworthy by the continuation of a campaign to decide the right to govern Hankow. Although there is no anti-foreign propaganda, the news has caused alarm. People at Home will want to know more about it. The "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated weekly news budget published in Hong Kong, with its local pictures, news, comments, explanations, and special articles, will be very welcome to those who desire to keep abreast of the times.

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CHESS CLUB

TWO TOURNAMENTS' PRIZES PRESENTED

LARGER ENTRIES

At the Kowloon Chess Club last evening, prizes won during the year in two tournaments run on championship lines, were distributed by the President, Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, when a large gathering was present.

Commenting on the success of the tournament, Mr. Nightingale expressed keen pleasure at the increased number of entries. This year's event attracted six competitors as compared with only three last year. In the open championship, however, there was a slight defect in that only nine entries were received as against twelve last year.

Mr. S. G. Hayes won the Colony's championship for the first time since the tournament was promoted.

The champion had always been a prominent competitor and has more than once annexed the Challenge Cup.

The President's Cup was won by Mr. H. W. Randall, who defeated the holder, Mr. Sequera. There was no doubt that Mr. Randall deserved his win, for he was playing better than in former years. Not only was Mr. Randall the Club champion, but he also finished second in the open championship.

Prize Winners

Prizes were then presented as follows:

Open Championship: Winner, S. G. Hayes; runner-up, H. W. Randall.

Club Championship: Winner, H. W. Randall; runner-up, C. M. Sequera.

At the conclusion, Mr. C. A. Montalto de Jesus commented upon the game as played many years ago when an interport match with Shanghai was contested by cable, the local Company sending messages free of charge. He suggested that this should be revived.

A match was then played between teams captained by Mr. S. G. Hayes and Mr. H. W. Randall, resulting in a victory for the former's team by three points to two.

FOOTBALL

EASTERN ATHLETIC'S TRIP TO MACAO

The following players have been chosen to represent the Eastern Athletic Association in a friendly game of football against the Sociedade Uniao Recreativa in Macao to-morrow at 1:30 p.m.:

M. Ismail, M. Ramzan, S. A. L. Rahman, Li Ping-tong, Ng Ying-kee, Cheung Lup-fun, Lai Ting-choy, A. K. Minu, S. M. Saif, J. C. Santos and M. Sabhan (Captain). Reserves:—Li Yun-yum and Chan Shiu-wai.

GOLF

STARTING TIMES ANNOUNCED FOR TO-MORROW

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for to-morrow:

9.28 a.m. J. S. Dykes, F. K. Ewart.
9.32 " S. T. Butlin, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.36 " A. O. Brawn, C. W. Jeffries.
9.40 " Comdr. Brown, E. M. Bryden.
9.44 " G. B. Johnson, D. J. Gilmore.
9.48 " W. K. Tait, T. L. Christie.
9.52 " Major Beamish, L. R. Andrews.
9.56 " A. E. Lissaman, C. E. Holmes.
10.00 " H. A. R. Conant, A. Webster.
10.04 " A. Leach, R. K. Hepburn.
10.08 " I. H. Geare, K. E. Greig.
10.12 " R. D. Beaumont, H. N. Laver.
10.16 " K. L. Dugan, A. H. Ferguson.
10.20 " E. D. Black, F. M. Ellis.
10.24 " W. A. Stewart, D. S. Edwards.
10.28 " W. J. S. Kay, G. B. S. Thomson.
10.32 " W. J. Gordon, H. G. Howard.
10.36 " W. A. Weight, H. A. Mills.
10.40 " A. B. Purves, A. D. Humphreys.
10.44 " W. L. Dunbar, G. W. Sewell.
10.48 " P. Jacks, B. H. C. Hallows.
10.52 " G. Davidson, B. J. Lacon.
10.56 " J. P. Warren, F. Syme.
11.00 " W. D. Harris, O. D. Brown.

DERBY SWEEP

THE STOCK EXCHANGE FUND, NOW CLOSED

£1,000,000 OBTAINED

London, Yesterday. A million pounds sterling has been subscribed to the Stock Exchange Derby Sweep fund, and the list has been closed.—Reuter.

[A message of April 4 stated that all records had been broken in the rush to secure tickets for the Stock Exchange Derby Sweep, which is officially known as the "Stock Exchange Mutual Subscription Fund." It was decided originally to issue half a million tickets at £1 each, but this issue was so rapidly disposed of that a further batch of half a million was issued.]

YING WAH COLLEGE

SPORTS DAY HELD AT CAROLINE HILL

RECORD ENROLMENT

The first sports day, since its removal from Hong Kong to Kowloon, of the Ying Wah College was held yesterday at Caroline Hill on the South China Athletic Association's ground. All the events were keenly contested and at the conclusion the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Ko Sik-wai.

The Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, pastor of the Church of Christ in China said, that it was the first sports day held by the College since its removal from the island to the peninsula. The school, through the able management of Mr. Richard Shim, had an enrolment never exceeded at any time in its previous record.

The Prize Winners

The events and winners were as follows:

Long Jump, Senior, 1, Ng Wai-yau; 2, Leung Chin-man; 3, Leung Hon-sang.

Long Jump, Junior, 1, Joseph Mark; 2, Joseph Soo; 3, Li Man-po.

100 Metres: Senior, 1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Leung Hon-sang; 3, Ng Wai-yau.

100 Metres: Junior, 1, Joseph Mark; 2, Chung Fook-kin; 3, Lee King-ah.

100 Metres: Small Boys, 1, Wong Kam-yin; 2, Yue Shiu-lun; 3, Leung Hei.

High Jump: Senior, 1, Ng Wai-yau; 2, Tang Yuan-chow; 3, San Kwok-chung.

High Jump: Junior, 1, Wong Tak-mong; 2, Joseph Mark; 3, Chan Kiu-wo.

200 Metres: Senior, 1, Siu Pui-wai; 2, Leung Chin-man; 3, Leung Hon-sang.

200 Metres: Junior, 1, Joseph Mark; 2, Cheung Fuk-kin; 3, Cheung King-wa.

200 Metres: Small Boys, 1, Yue Shiu-lun; 2, Wong Kam-yin; 3, Chan Cham-huen.

Three Legged Race: 1, Ho Wai-him and Lam Kam-kong; 2, Lai Tak-chin and Choy Koon-hin; 3, Pung Chi-lai and Chan Yin-cheung.

Sack Race: 1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Ko Yau-kwong; and 3, Pung Chi-lai.

800 Metres: 1, Lo Hei-ho; 2, Li Kam-sing; 3, Leung Cheong-tai.

Mathematical Race: Senior, 1, Chan Sau-tak; 2, Lam Kam-kong; 3, Ip Tai-hing.

Mathematical Race: Junior, 1, Yue Ka-yung; 2, Wong Sui-po; 3, Ip Pak-sing.

1500 Metres: 1, Pang Kwok-kam; 2, Li Kam-sang; 3, Lai Tak-ching.

Ladies' Nomination Race: 1, Ng Wai-yau; 2, Yeling Kwok-on; 3, Yuen Wing-yue.

Shot Put: Senior, 1, Koo Sing-hong; 2, Cheung Koon-him; 3, Ng Wai-yau; 4, Ma Hung-kwong.

Shot Put: Junior, 1, Wong Tak-mong; 2, Li Man-po; 3, Chung King-wa.

Consolation Race: 1, Ng Hok-hong; 2, Yue Hin-ting; 3, Ngan Chin-ki.

200 Metres: Old Boys, 1, Chau Kung-chiu; 2, Yeung Kan-chaw; 3, Ip Koon-ning.

Tug-of-War: Class 1 and Class 2.

Inter-class Team Race: Class 2.

Teachers' Race: Handicap, 1, Mr. Tsou; 2, Mr. P. P. Ho; 3, Mr. Lo.

Hurdles: Senior, 1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Leung Hon-sang; 3, Yuen Wing-yue.

Hurdles: Junior, 1, Chong King-wa; 2, Li Man-po; 3, Li Ip.

Junior Champion, Joseph Mark; Senior Champion, Leung Chin-man.

HORSES KILLED

DISASTROUS STABLE FIRE IN AMERICA

Havre de Grace, Maryland, Yesterday.

Thirteen well-known race horses were incinerated in a stable fire here.

They include Shasta Kahn, El Canoe, Goulash, Hot Time and In-laid.—Reuter's American Service.

R. A. ATHLETICS

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL CONTESTS

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

The annual athletic meeting of the Royal Artillery (British) was held at Sookumpoo yesterday afternoon.

The 31st Battery won the Championship with a total of 112 points, the 20th Battery was second with 56 while the 12th Battery, last year's Champions were last with 28 points.

The various events were all keenly contested and some close finishes were witnessed. The tug-of-war went rather easily to the 20th Battery, who won from the 31st Battery in two straight pulls.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Christian, wife of Lieut.-Col. W. F. Christian, D.S.O., R.A., gracefully distributed the prizes and was accorded three lusty cheers by the men.

Results

The results were as follow:—100 yards Flat Race.—1, Gnr. Gill (31st); 2, L/Bdr. Davey (31st). Time: 16.3/5secs.

Putting the Weight (16 lb.).—1, Gnr. Cott (31st); 2, Gnr. Bacon (20th). Time: 33ft. 2 1/4 ins.

High Jump.—1, L/Bdr. Bellarby (20th); 2, L/Bdr. Lamb (31st). Height: 5ft. 6ins.

One Mile.—1, L/Bdr. Davey (31st); 2, Gnr. Burton (12th). Time: 5mins. 18secs.

Throwing the Discus.—1, Bdr. Nellis (12th); 2, Gnr. Cotton (31st). Distance: 89ft. 4ins.

220 yards Flat Race.—1, Gnr. Gill (31st); Gnr. Hoish (20th). Time: 22.2/5secs.

Long Jump.—1, Lieut. Christian (31st); 2, B.S.M. Leach (31st). Distance: 19ft.

120 yards Hurdles.—1, Lieut. Christian (31st); 2, B.S.M. Leach (31st). Time: 18.3/5secs.

Boot Race.—1, L/Bdr. Greenway (31st); 2, Gnr. Rainbow (20th).

Three-legged Race.—1, Gnr. Gill and McWilliam (31st); 2, Gnr. Leadbeater and Piggett (12th).

Tug-of-War (120 stone).—Won by 20th Battery.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Gnr. Cotton (31st); 2, Gnr. Forrester (20th). Distance: 68ft.

Open Half Mile.—1, Pte. King (K.O.S.B.); 2, Pte. Pelm (K.O.S.B.). Time: 2mins. 11secs.

Pole Jump.—Won by Bdr. Williams (31st). Height: 7ft. 8ins.

Relay Race (1 1/2 miles).—Won by 31st Battery.

Quarter Mile.—1, Bdr. Fraser (20th); 2, Lieut. Sugden (31st). Time: 55secs.

Relay Race (Officers and other ranks).—Won by 31st Battery.

220 yards Consolation Race.—1, Gnr. Lawrence (12th); 2, Gnr. Gough (12).

Officials

Referee—Lt.-Col. W. F. Christian, D.S.O., R.A.

Judges—Track Events: Major C. W. R. Tuke, M.C., R.A., Capt. J. L. P. Macrair R.A., Capt. E. H. Huxford, M.C., R.A., Capt. J. A. Crouch, R.A., Lieut. A. J. Vivian, R.A. and Lieut. J. G. Wolf Barry, R.A.

Field Events: Major H. W. H. Armistage, M.C., R.A., Capt. A. G. Hewson, M.C., R.A., Capt. M. Beresford, R.A., Capt. D. Smith, R.A., Lieut. A. R. Miller, R.A., and Lieut. P. D. Dangerfield, R.A.

Clerk of the Course—Captain J. A. Chester, R.A.

Starter—Lieut. G. W. Seal, M.C., M.M., R.A.

Time Keepers—Capt. R. L. O. Carew, R.A., Mr. G. Fisher, D.C.M., and B.Q.M.S. (I.G.) Worme.

Records—Mr. G. (W.O.I.) A. Murray, Q.M.S. (A.C.) Medina, and Sergt. (A.C.) Goodlace.

Stewards—R.S.M., R. Turner, and second N.C.O.'s of the Batteries.

SMALL-POX SCARE

PASSENGERS VACCINATED ON TOUCHING FRENCH SOIL

INCLUDING A MAHARAJA

Marseilles, Yesterday. All the passengers from the P. and O. "Ranchi," travelling overland to London, including the Maharaja of Rajppla, were vaccinated.—Reuter.

Havre Mayor's Regulation It is officially confirmed that the Mayor of Havre is enforcing, from to-morrow, a regulation requiring all persons landing from England to produce certificates that they have been vaccinated during the past six months.

The Southern Railway Co. are considering the suspension of the Southampton-Havre service in consequence of the Mayor's action.

"None Landred" When the liner "Ranchi" arrived at Marseilles from India a suspected case of small-pox aboard was notified. The passengers were ordered to be vaccinated on landing, but none landed.

Chicken-pox Case An official of the P. and O. in London stated that the case on the "Ranchi" proved to be chicken-pox. The liner was granted a clean bill, the passengers then landing and said they were detectives.

They include Shasta Kahn, El Canoe, Goulash, Hot Time and In-laid.—Reuter's American Service.

"SQUEEZE" CHARGE

HONG KONG PASSENGERS TO KONGMOON

C.M.C. WATCHER ARRESTED

[From Our Own Correspondent] Pakkai, Yesterday.

The watcher employed by the Chinese Maritime Customs who has been arrested by the local Police on a charge of "squeezing" tea money from passengers arriving on steamboats from Hong Kong, has been handed over to be dealt with in Canton.

The people of the Five Districts (forming the hinterland of Kongmoon) take a serious view of the matter, alleging that they have suffered "squeeze" for a long time from various people. A public meeting was held at Kongmoon and delegates will, it was announced, be sent to Canton to press the charge against the Watcher and also to submit an appeal on behalf of the people.

Because the local prisons are full, the authorities have devised the expedient of shooting those convicted of the most serious crimes, for example, banditry. The average number of executions is seven or eight and the total since April 1 is appalling.

NEXT ELECTION

MEMBER OF THE SANITARY BOARD

WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE

An election of a member of the Sanitary Board will take place at the City Hall on Wednesday, May 22, commencing at 10 a.m. The procedure laid down for such an election is, inter alia, that two members of the Board shall be elected by an electorate composed of the persons whose names shall appear in one or other of the two parts of the register, i.e., the Jurors Lists for the current year, and the names of all male persons of any of the following classes who shall have duly applied to be registered, and whose claims shall have been duly allowed:—

unofficial members of the Executive or Legislative Council; persons of sound mind who have previously been included in the jurors lists but have been omitted therefrom on account of age or infirmity;

barristers and solicitors in actual practice and the clerks of solicitors in actual practice; persons registered under Section 4 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, or under the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, or under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1918;

editors, sub-editors and reporters of daily newspapers published in the Colony;

clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic priests, and ministers of any congregation of Protestant Dissenters or Jews, acting as such in the Colony;

professors and other academic officers of the University of Hong Kong;

masters of schools which are certified by the Director of Education as not being vernacular schools;

masters of steamers and local pilots; and

officers and non-commissioned officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Corps, and such other members of the Hong Kong Defence Corps as shall have been exempted from jury service by the Governor in Council.

Provided that no person who is in the service of the Crown, and whose whole time is at the disposal of the Crown, shall be entitled to be included in the said register.

Written nominations, signed by two electors, must be handed to the Registrar of the Supreme Court not later than 1 p.m. on May 1.

In the event of the election being contested, voting will commence immediately after the nominations have been read and continue until 1 p.m. when the ballot box will be closed unless the presiding officer decides to extend the time for voting.

LOCAL AMAZON

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON P.W.D. OFFICIAL

WONG-NEI-CHONG VILLAGE

Mr. R. E. Stott, Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, prosecuted a Hakka woman of Wong-nei-chong village (at Happy Valley) at the Magistracy this morning for alleged assault. He stated that he was supervising a gang of workmen at the time and that the woman, who was occupant of a hut, tore his jacket and scratched his face.

The woman having stated that her hut was being pulled down without notice, Mr. E. W. Hamilton ordered a remand for her to produce her witnesses.

NIGHT HOLD UP

HIGHWAY ROBBERY ON GASCOIGNE RD.

MAN WHO LOST \$15

According to a report to the Police, a Chinese, Kwok King-yau, was robbed on Gascoigne-road.

A new air mail and passenger service is announced by Trimotor Safety Airways covering the journey from New York to Buenos Aires in seven days.—Reuter.

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FIRST DIVIDENDS

ECHO OF WING HING BANK FAILURE

FINANCIAL SENSATION

An echo of the financial sensation in the Colony in 1925 is forthcoming in the "Government Gazette" to-day in the notifications of dividends declared in the bankruptcy of the Wing Hing Bank. The trustee notifies the following dividends:—

Wing Hing Bank (formerly of No. 153, Queen's-road Central), bankers' first dividend of five cents in the dollar.

Li Wing-kwong, banker: first dividend of two cents in the dollar.

Li Shun-fan, banker: first dividend of decimal two cents in the dollar.

It will be recalled that the Chief Justice passed scathing comment during the public examination of the partners. Very large sums were involved.

"DRY MARTINI"

SNAPPY COMEDY OF "GAY PAREE"

SPECIAL FEATURE

"Dry Martini" an amusing story of "Gay Paree" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to a special advertisement in this issue.

The story hinges about an American who has fled himself in Paris for eight years and enjoyed himself to the limit. His daughter arrives and to his dismay her thought is to see Paris at its liveliest rather than to be fathered and guided.

This involves the principals in many difficulties, but all combine to make it a thoroughly enjoyable picture. Albert Gran is featured and Mary Astor heads the cast, which includes Matt Moore, Sally Eilers, Jocelyn Lee, and Albert Conti.

FOR DEVELOPMENT

SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES WISH LOANS

SEQUEL TO "GOODWILL TOUR"

New York, Yesterday. Largely as a result of President Hoover's goodwill

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Nobel Prize Nominee



The "Manchester Guardian" has nominated Salmon Oliver Levinson, of Chicago, for the Nobel peace prize, referring to his plan for the outlawry of war as a "one man achievement" worthy of the prize.

Girl Sails to Europe But Will Fly Back



Mildred Johnson, American aviatrix, is preparing to sail for Europe, where she will organise a return flight. According to present plans she will return in a Rohrbach plane, shown above, which will carry a regular cargo of freight. Miss Johnson will not pilot the ship, according to present plans, but will travel as "custodian of the freight."

Assists War Secretary



This is an excellent studio portrait of Patrick J. Hurley, who succeeded Colonel C. C. Robbins as Assistant Secretary of War under Secretary Good.

German Prince



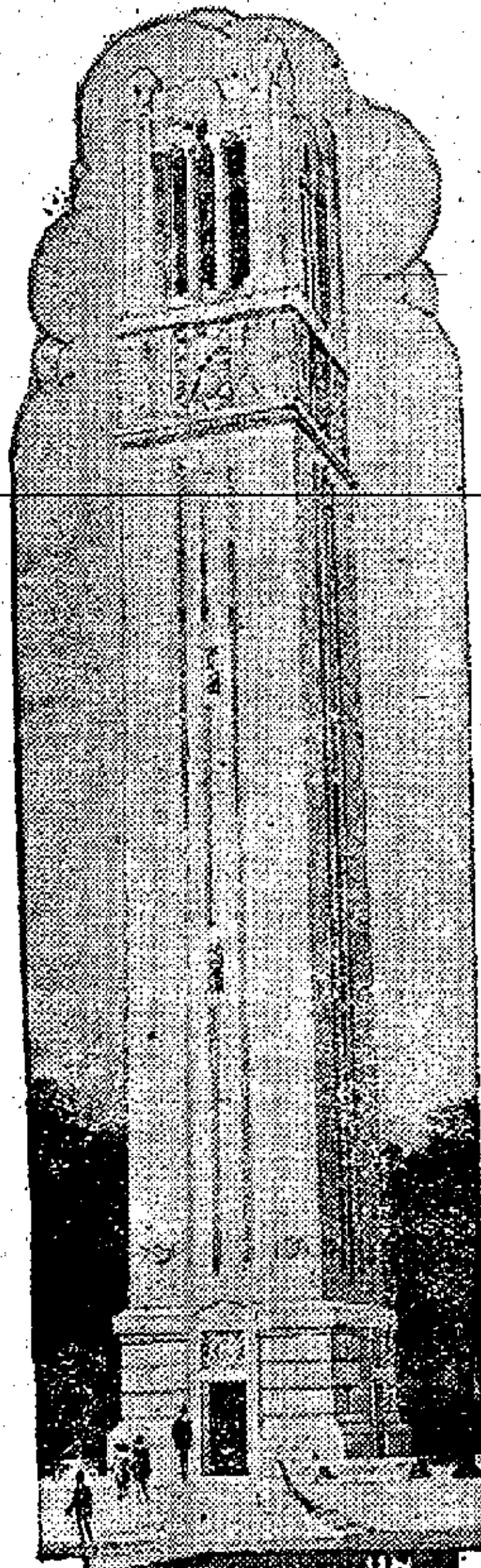
Prince Max of Baden, who because Bethmann-Hollweg, Chancellor of the German Empire during the War, did not stand up against Admiral von Tirpitz and prevent the submarine campaign which he knew would prove fatal, has established a school in his old castle at Schloss, Salem, Germany, where the future men of Germany will be taught to build up their will power, so that no such instance will happen again.

Paying His Court



King Boris of Bulgaria, below, is in Vienna with his sister, Princess Eudoxie. He is believed on his way to Rome, travelling incognito, where he will pay court to his intended bride, Princess Giovani (top). Their impending marriage has been the talk of royal circles for months.

Honours War Dead



This beautiful memorial tower at North Carolina State College is being built by the alumni in honour of the students who gave their lives during the war. In the top will be a set of chimneys which are said to be the equal of any in the United States.

Weds Copper Heiress



The secret wedding of the former Barbara Guggenheim (top), sister of the Countess of Castel Stewart, to Fred Wettsch, Jr. (below), noted horseman, has surprised all their friends. The heiress to the copper millions and the young horseman had been friends from childhood.

Called Beautiful



Princess Ingrid of Sweden, only daughter of Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus, is said to outshine all the daughters of European royalty. She is reported engaged to Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark.

Legion Deserter



The Danish steamer "Lars Kruse," arriving at Aberdeen, Scotland, brought a stowaway, Frederick Wilhelm Gaiser, who claims to have escaped from the French Foreign Legion at Sidi-Bel-Abbes, Africa. He is trying to get to Germany to receive medical treatment for complications which followed a clumsy operation in the Legion hospital.

Supersensitive to All Earth Quivers



The Galitzin horizontal seismograph, which is the most sensitive earthquake detector ever constructed, has recently been added to the equipment of the Seismological Observatory of Georgetown University at Washington, D.C. Father Gaiser, of Spain, left, and Father Toulson, of Georgetown, are shown with the instruments. So sensitive is the detector that it would be affected by the heat reaching it from the rays of the sun through brick walls. Thus a specially designed double-walled underground vault which is both moisture and heat proof is provided for the protection of the seismograph.

Seek to Depose Him



Willy General Gomez, for nineteen years military and political power in Venezuela, sensing that there is opposition to his re-election, has quadrupled his forces, making it evident that he wishes to continue to occupy the throne of power.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

THE "CADUCEUS"

HIGH STANDARD OF MEDICAL LITERATURE

The first issue of the 1929 series of the Journal of the Hong Kong University Medical Society has just been published, and the Editor is to be congratulated on the high standard of medical literature contained therein.

There are five original articles, an Editorial, Review of Books, Acknowledgments, and Notes and Comments.

The first article is entitled, "Affections of the Eye in General Practice" and is written by Dr. R. Lindsay Rea, Ophthalmic Surgeon, London Lock Hospitals, and Surgeon to the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, London, &c. These medical men who have to deal with eye diseases will find this article of great value to them, for the Author has written in a very clear style, and the treatment given is up-to-date. Stress is laid on the great danger of treating simple eye cases with too strong lotions, and also upon the importance of whenever possible, letting the eye specialist deal with all, but the very minor diseases of the eye. Dr. Rea states that this is one of a series of articles which he intends to give us through the pages of this well-known medical Journal.

Hypnotism

"Hypnotism and Psycho-therapy in Medical Practice" is the title of the second article, written by Dr. M. O. Pfister of Hong Kong (date of the Pekin Union Medical College). The writer states in no uncertain terms the importance of this all important subject, which he rightly considers should be studied by all practitioners of medicine. Many highly technical terms are used, but with the aid of a medical dictionary the article can be read with greater advantage. At the same time the reader will be fascinated as he reads, and will find the material contained within, of absorbing interest. Dr. Pfister pleads for the Law to take a more lenient view of certain cases of perverted libido and want of mental balance, and considers that these so-called offenders rather deserve the sympathy than the severe criticism of the public and should be treated if possible in special institutions with all the modern means of psycho-therapy.

Christian Science is placed together with quackery, and condemned for its unscientific procedure, and lack of knowledge on all important studies, which are only mastered, and rightly must be, by members of the medical profession. The thesis shows wide reading and a mastery of a special branch of mental science.

Next, there is the report of "A case of Acute Yellow Atrophy of the Liver" by Major D. W. Beamish, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., which contains very good notes, both of the clinical aspect, and of the pathological side of such an investigation. A summary and chart are also given.

Examination of Blood Stains

"Hints on the Examination of Blood Stains" is written by an authority on this subject in the person of Dr. E. P. Minett, Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, University of Hong Kong. Such questions as the age of blood stains, the possibility of blood or something else being present, the type of blood, and whether human or not, are dealt with in brief. It is assumed that the readers are either familiar with the precipitin test, or have easy access to such literature: the reviewer would suggest that the article

would have been much improved by such information. Nevertheless the article is of high standard, and is well worth reading. However Dr. Minett considerably enhances his article by giving factors which are favourable, and those which are not, in the use of this precipitin test.

The last article is entitled "Lunacy made Lucid" and is written by Dr. Alexander Cannon, Teacher of Morbid Anatomy, University of Hong Kong, and Physician, Colonial Medical Service. The article commences with a very good definition of insanity, then deals very effectively with the Law relating to lunacy, and later proceeds to the study of insanity itself, and closes with a paragraph on prevention. In the short space of twenty-four pages, the writer has given us a mine of information, and there does not appear to be any important point omitted, either from the reading of the Law, or the diagnosis and treatment of all the recognised forms of lunacy. Dr. Cannon is to be commended upon writing such a useful article, which will no doubt come as a boon and a blessing to those who wish to hurriedly gain an efficient knowledge of this vast subject, to save themselves from "dropping a brick" on occasions when the doctor or student is required to air his knowledge on lunacy. The style is authoritative, lucid, milestone, and classical.

Emil von Behring is the topic dealt with in the Editorial. It is well to remember that others than men of our own nationality have done very great work in the domain of medicine: such reading stimulates medical men to activities, which lead to achievements which would otherwise be lost to this Universe. To von Behring we are told we owe the discovery of Diphtheria-Curative-Serum, which has saved many many lives.

BOOKS IN BRIEF

"The Little Yellow House," by Beatrice Burton; Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6.

The little yellow house, grown old and faded, with its tiny yard in which a few flowers fought for life, was a symbol of the life of Mrs. Milburn, and of her struggle to make the house and keep it as home for the ne'er-do-well husband whom she had married against the wishes of her parents, and for her children whose moods and often erratic impulses, were not the least of her trials.

Miss Burton tells pleasantly of the gallant attempt to conceal the worthlessness of the father from his family, of the son's impetuous and rather unhappy marriage, and of the declaration of independence on the part of the daughter Emmy which so nearly brought upon her irretrievable disaster, instead of the happiness she eventually found with her poor but honourable man whom she really loved.

The picture of the lives of the shabby-genteel, of the constant humiliation to which they are subjected by rich relations, and of the pathetic effort to show a brave face to the world is true and not too highly coloured.

This is a readable, though not a remarkable novel.

true. Behind the bar a beetle-browed Hindu slings the poison and short-changes the customers. Mr. Gobson, a fat, unhealthy-looking man, stands with his back to the bar bragging of his accomplishments, second to none, as a traveller on foot. A small cockney, with greasy hair and celluloid cuffs, is listening to him and wondering if he will pay for the last round of drinks he ordered. Mr. Dobson of Ukamba is telling Mr. Wormcast of Kikuyu and Mr. Wrat of Nkuru about the shortcomings of the District Commissioner, and explaining how much better things would be were he in the official's position. As a matter of fact Dobson has been in Kenya four years and cannot speak a hundred words of Swahili. Wormcast of Kikuyu won a motor bike in a raffle a month ago and has not drawn a sober breath since.

Can't you just see it all?

Social Practices

Interesting remarks on social practices, marriage customs, female chastity or the want of it, among various tribes are given throughout the book. These are of necessity the verdict of a bird of passage. Possibly several of them would be modified with an acquaintance of fifty years. Nothing is more difficult than to find out the marriage customs and sequel practices of a people from whom you are separated by a great linguistic, social, and spiritual gulf. Our great authorities even are hopelessly in the dark.

The book is well illustrated, and has a map showing the itinerary.

DESERTS IDLE

SOME DIALECTS IN AFRICA

"Deserts Idle," by Michael H. Mason; Hodder and Stoughton, London.

Good books of travel judging by their scarcity, seem very difficult to write. If a book has any interest for the ordinary reader the critic says it is 'sketchy,' and hints that it adds nothing to our knowledge of the country and its people, or that it has no scientific value.

On the other hand, if the author analyses the flora and fauna of the country, or traces out its geological formations, or even details the taboos and characteristic customs of its inhabitants the book then passes outside the pale of readable literature and becomes the top shelf occupant of some geographical library.

The present work, whatever its other merits, belongs to the readable class. The author in a preliminary note disarms criticism by modestly stating that he is not an authority on anything, and that though Dr. Seligman disagrees with some of his conclusions, he has left them unrevoked because he thinks they are unimportant.

A Different Civilisation

A traveller among a people of a different civilisation from himself or among so-called 'savage' peoples knows well how difficult it is to trace out the history of any custom or practice. Any reader who has tried to get any information from a people whose language was not understood or only half understood has realised to some extent how wide of the mark his conclusions have been and how hopeless it was to get at the truth.

Even scientific expedition with their trained linguists and ethnologists have thus often been led astray.

Mr. Mason gives us a very good example of what we mean in his account of his attempt to write down a vocabulary of the different African dialects.

I was compiling a comparative vocabulary of the languages of all the tribes I went among—a more difficult job than it sounds, for generally the native one questions fails to understand in the least what one is driving at.

One starts off by a long and careful explanation—say in Arabic—of what one wants. "I will say the Arabic word and I want you to say the Swahili word" (if Swahili is the language in question). "Now what is a man?"

"Mimi namkwa!" (I am one myself). In perfect good faith you write down 'mimi namkwa' as being the swahili for 'a man.' You go on: "A woman? 'Watake wewe?' (Do you want one?) You write down 'Watake wewe'—a woman. You then go on: 'an animal?' 'Sijui kama wasama!' (I don't understand what you are talking about).

You write 'sijui kama wasama'—an animal. After a while your error is made apparent and you have to begin all over again.

The accounts of life and men throughout the book are interesting and lively.

At Nairobi

Though we have never been at Nairobi we can form a fair picture of 'the real thing' from the following description:

"But the real backbone and guts of the Empire, the train and driving force of Kenya, are to be seen at the Principal Bar. Here assemble the men who really DO things and do them right. They all say so, so it must be

(Continued at foot of preceding Column.)

Who Wins?

Now suppose there are two men of equal education and natural ability applying for a position. One of them is clear minded, fresh complexioned, pleasant mannered, efficient. The other is sallow, depressed, has a bad skin and offensive breath. Which gets the job? There is no need to await your answer to this question! A more important one is, what makes the difference between the two men? Almost always it is constipation—the condition wherein waste materials accumulated in the intestines poison the blood, fog the brain, depress the spirit, disorganise the digestion.

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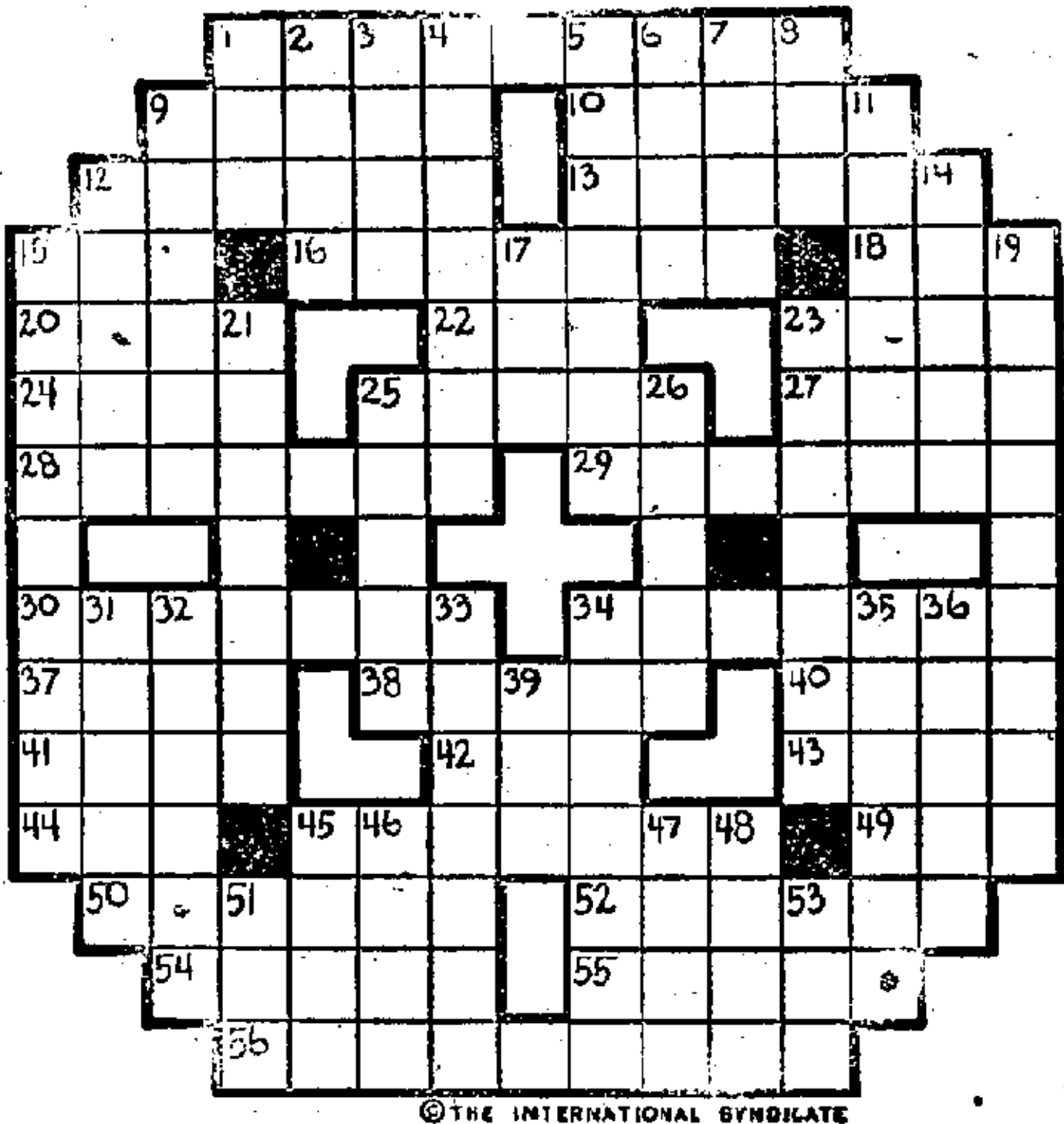
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, blow and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Portness
- 9-Flow smoothly
- 10-Burdens
- 12-Popular outcry
- 13-Solled
- 15-Popular name for the Gauls Saints Marie
- 16-Bearing feathers
- 18-Pinch
- 20-Pipe
- 22-Cognizance
- 23-Row
- 24-Tip
- 25-Transmits
- 27-High male voice
- 28-Begins again
- 29-Earliest
- 30-Ropes for leading horses
- 33-Merchandisers
- 37-Large lake
- 38-Swiftness
- 40-Egress
- 41-Outer covering of fruit
- 42-Suffix denoting quality

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Plunge head foremost
- 44-Japanese coin of small value
- 45-Those who unite by fusion
- 46-Preceded
- 50-Talk issued in parts
- 52-More tart
- 54-Short and pointed
- 55-Conditions
- 56-Ladies of noble rank

VERTICAL

- 1-Southern State (abbr.)
- 2-Limber
- 3-Image
- 4-Wigs
- 5-Table nut (pl.)
- 6-Negative votes
- 7-Sheath
- 8-Unit of measurement (pl. abbr.)
- 9-Spheres
- 11-Partaining to old age

VERTICAL (Cont.)

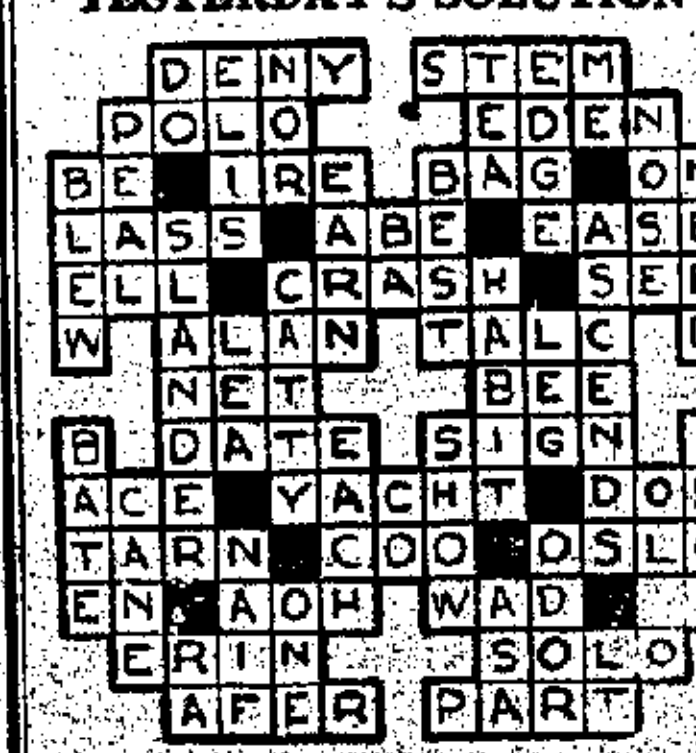
- 12-Closed car
- 14-Legislative assembly (pl.)
- 15-Those who apply starch for stiffening
- 17-Male servants
- 18-Demonstrated
- 21-Rejoiced
- 22-Matted
- 25-Burns
- 26-Planted
- 31-Constellation
- 32-A singing bird
- 33-School book
- 34-Hates
- 35-Banishes
- 36-Watercourse
- 38-Terminate
- 45-Metallic thread
- 46-Comfort
- 47-Species of deer (pl.)
- 51-Congressman's title (abbr.)
- 53-Royal Mail Steamer (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

The friends of Mr. M. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Consul-General, will be sorry to learn that he has received news of the death of his son, in Japan. It is possible that Mr. Shigemitsu may pay a flying visit to Tokyo in a few days.

In view of the fact that six 'planes ordered from the United States by the Ministry of Communications will arrive in Shanghai about the middle of May, agents have been sent to Shanghai to lay out a new flying field of some 500 mow in size.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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Hong Kong, 18th April, 1929.

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Manila Hotel, from Kobe.
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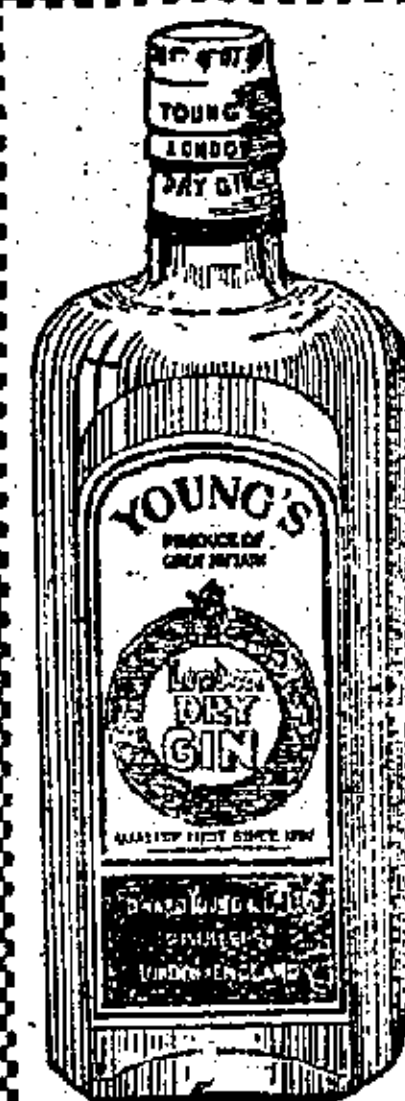
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INWARD MAILS.

From SATURDAY, APRIL 20.
Shanghai and Swatow Soochoow
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe
via Siberia (London, 30th March) President Wilson
MONDAY, APRIL 22.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, 21st March) Ganges Maru
Manila President Madison
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai President Pierce
TUESDAY, APRIL 23.
Japan Aki Maru
Shanghai Chenonceaux
Saigon D'Artagnan

THURSDAY, APRIL 25.

Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 28th Mar. & parcels, 21st Mar.) Morea

OUTWARD MAILS.

For SATURDAY, APRIL 20.
Saigon Wong Shek Kung 3.30 p.m.
Amoy Kingyuan 5 p.m.
Manila President Wilson 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 21.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kwangchow 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Dalny and Europe via Siberia Yingchow 9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 22.
Shanghai and Japan Toyama Maru 8.30 a.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco President Madison (Due San Francisco, 16th May.)
Parcels Apr. 22, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia President Madison
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Letters 6 p.m.

For Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Tonkin 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 23.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Teau 9.30 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. & S. Africa, Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles Chenonceaux (Due Marseilles, 25th May.)
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Hatching 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow D'Artagnan 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia Soochoow 3.30 p.m.
Amoy President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Manila Kwai Sang 5 p.m.
Swatow

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SMALL FORCES THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AT GENEVA INTERESTING VIEWS

Geneva, Yesterday.
A meeting of the Disarmament Committee heard the report of the "Bureau" (composed of the President and Vice-Presidents Committee) on the Soviet scheme. Their report rejects the Soviet argument that their plan would serve the basis of a general discussion, but the Soviet delegates are entitled to bring up amendments in the course of the discussion on the Committee's own draft project of 1925.
M. Litvinoff immediately objected, but the Committee agreed to the report.
Litvinoff Insistent
The Committee adopted the Bureau's report without a vote being taken, but only after considerable discussion.

M. Litvinoff insisted that each delegation should express their individual views on the three Soviet principles which, he said, the Turks and Germans favoured. Count Bernstorff (Germany) urged the Soviet Delegation to adopt the course suggested by the Bureau.
Mr. Tsiang Tso-ping (China) urged a discussion of the Soviet principles.
Finally M. Litvinoff reserved the right to make a statement tomorrow on the Committee's decision.—Reuter.

Lord Cushendun's Review
London, Yesterday.
The British attitude upon the Preparatory Disarmament Committee's work has been reviewed in a speech by Lord Cushendun who declared that Britain is not a continental power, therefore he considered that any decision as to the reduction of land forces should be taken by the Military Powers.

There was considerable disagreement upon the Naval question inside the Committee, but the leading Naval Powers had attained a large measure of reduction and limitation.

He urged that the Committee seek a reduction of land and air forces, pending a settlement of the naval issue, upon which he was confident an agreement could be reached. The British Government

was most anxious about this. Lord Cushendun added: "Unless a satisfactory agreement is reached now we shall be the laughing stock of the world, which would doubtless please the Soviets."

He maintained the principles laid down by Lord Robert Cecil and himself, and hoped they would lead to satisfactory results.

Regarding air forces Britain would agree to any settlement which took into account her special position.—Reuter.

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CHILDREN ARE BEING EATEN! FAMINE HORRORS PITIFUL APPEALS FROM KANSU PROVINCE

"TOO WEAK TO BURY DEAD"

Peking, To-day.
The China International Famine Relief Committee reports the receipt of pitifully worded appeals from foreigners in the famine regions of Kansu province, such as "Is Kansu forgotten or is the distress under-estimated? Those who have been on the verge of starvation since the last meagre harvest are now succumbing in great numbers." This is from Lanchow.

The Rev. Mr. Simpson from Min-chow, Kansu, says: "Tell every body Kansu is doomed. Moslem rebels have devastated the south and west of Kansu. They were followed by Government troops who consumed or destroyed. Eighty per cent. of the population is foodless and seedless. There is no grain for sale. Children are being eaten in many places."

Missionaries state that 300 are dying in Lanchow in spite of the fact that private relief is feeding thousands daily. Another source telegraphs: "Need desperate. In many places people are too weak to bury their dead."—Reuter.

[Photo of the secretary of the Relief Committee is on page 7.]

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GERMAN DEBTS PARIS COMMENT ON THE SITUATION THE COUNTER-PROPOSALS

Paris, Yesterday.

"A fairly long time is required to dissipate the dark clouds which obscure the relations between the Allied Governments and the Reich as the result of Dr. Schacht's maladroitness," says the "Petit Parisien," commenting on the Reparations deadlock.

"L'Oeuvre" thinks that the settlement of the whole question and general liquidation of the war are receding more and more.

The "Petit Journal," however, believes that the Germans have not said the last word.

A German Denial
Berlin, Yesterday.

Dr. Schacht's counter-proposals, mentioned in cables from Paris



Experience of Famine Sufferers in North China.—A carload of children being sold and carried away. Some of the boys are adopted, but the girls are sold as wives in districts where the disease of osteomalacia has wrought a shortage in women, particularly in the province of Shansi.—(C.I.F.R.C. Photo Service).

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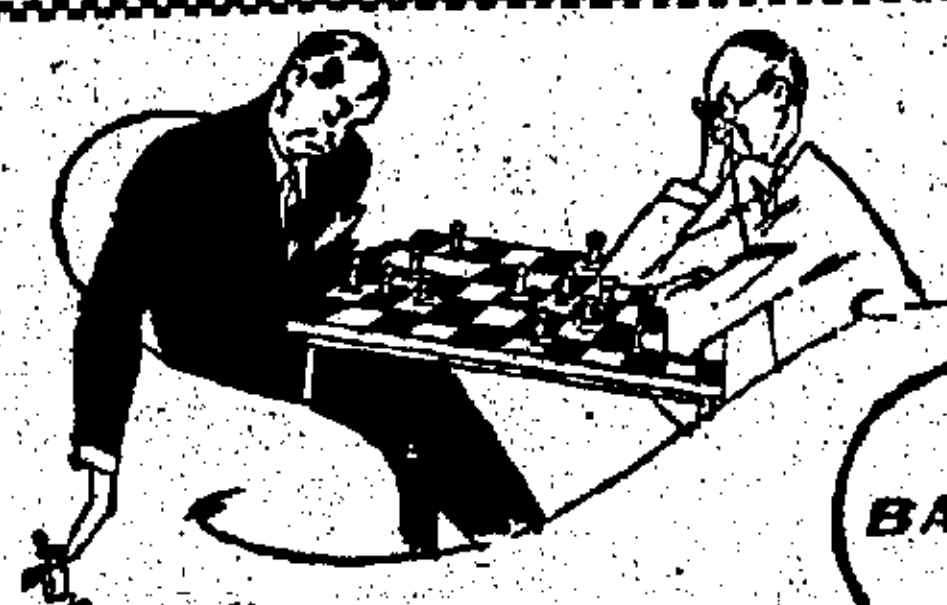
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